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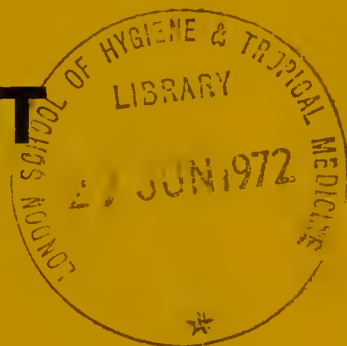
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

1969

R. GERWYN EVANS, B.Sc., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.,
County Medical Officer of Health



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To the Chairman and Members of the Breconshire County Council.

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for 1969.

The format of this report is unchanged and much of the information is repetitive with amendment to figures relating to the various services. Thought has been given to this layout, but I feel that the vast amount of detail relating to the various services is helpful, particularly to new recipients, and the whole report acts more or less as a handbook of County Health Services in addition to reporting the work undertaken in 1969.

The presentation of this report as it exists today was introduced in 1952, when a Special Survey of Local Health Authority's Services, was prepared as requested in Circular 29/52, dated 19th August, 1952, from the then Welsh Board of Health.

With the radical changes now taking shape and proposed in the future within Local Government Services, the Report of the County Medical Officer will shortly become a part of history.

No Health Centres were erected during 1969, but preparations are slowly but surely being concluded for Health Centres at Ystradgynlais, Colbren, Llanwrtyd Wells and Sennybridge. It is hoped that in 1970 we will see the commencement of the buildings themselves.

Once more I am pleased to report that there were no significant changes in the vital statistics, other than a decrease of 61 births and 64 deaths in the year under review.

The demand for Cervical Cytology is still not as large as one would wish to see, but nevertheless, Breconshire makes this service fully available.

Family Planning was introduced during 1968 when the Family Planning Association undertook to act as sole agents within the County and clinics are made available at four centres.

Again I must express my appreciation of the continued help given me by my medical colleagues, nurses, dental and clerical staff throughout 1969, I must also thank those voluntary workers who have worked so conscientiously throughout the year.

As in previous years I have also enjoyed the continued support, enthusiasm and encouragement of the members of the County Council in the work for the Health of Breconshire. No report of mine would be complete without recording my appreciation of this help.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. G. EVANS,

County Medical Officer.

County Health Department, Watton Offices, Brecon.

CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEES CONCERNED WITH
MATTERS OF PUBLIC HEALTH DURING THE YEAR 1969.
HEALTH COMMITTEE.

CHAIRMAN: Ald. Mrs. C. O. Williams, Plasgwyn, Abercrave.

VICE-CHAIRMAN: Coun. T. H. O. Thomas, Talwrnmaenog, Llanwrthwl.

BRECON DISTRICT.

Coun. Lt.-Col. J. P. F. Miles, D.S.O., Pytindu, Llanddew, Brecon.
Coun. H. L. Jones, 49 Newmarch Street, Llanfaes, Brecon.

BRYNMAWR DISTRICT.

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Coun. W. J. Morris, Rhyscae, Church Rd., Gilwern.

BUILTH DISTRICT.

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Coun. M. L. Bourdillon, Llwynmadoc, Llanwrtyd Wells.

CRICKHOWELL DISTRICT.

Coun. D. S. Davies, Manchester House, High Street, Crickhowell.
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DEVYNOCK DISTRICT.

Coun. Penry Davies, Penrhiw, Trecastle.
Ald. Miss M. Price, Nantyrharn, Sennybridge.

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Coun. D. P. Hopkins, Brynteg, Bronllys, Brecon.

VAYNOR DISTRICT.

Coun. M. J. Chambers, 10 The Green, Trefechan, Cefn Coed.
(Resigned).
Coun. Mrs. J. M. Watkeys, Tynycoed, High St., Cefn Coed.

YSTRADGYNLAIS DISTRICT.

Coun. J. E. Williams, Tanybedw, Cwmgied, Ystradgynlais.
Coun. John Hughes, Gwynfryn, Penycae, Swansea Valley.

Ald. T. E. Watkins, Bronafon, Pen-y-fan Road, Brecon.
Ald. Mrs. C. O. Williams, Plasgwyn, Abercrave (Chairman).
Coun. W. J. Millichap, Tregunter Lodge, Talgarth.
Ald. Anthony Rees, Warwick House, Warwick Road, Brynmawr.
Coun. R. Morgan, Eiranfa, Derwen Rd., Ystradgynlais.
Coun. E. R. Morgan, Cranleigh, Camden Road, Brecon.

MEMBERS CO-OPTED BY THE COMMITTEE.

Dr. T. L. Davies, Aelybryn, Llanhamlach.

COUNTY AMBULANCE TRANSPORT SERVICE SUB-COMMITTEE

Chairman: Coun. J. E. Williams, Tanybedw, Cwmgiedd, Ystradgynlais.

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(Resigned).

YSTRADGYNLAIS DISTRICT.

Coun. John Hughes, Gwynfryn, Penycae, Swansea Valley.

Coun. J. E. Williams (Chairman), Tanybedw, Cwmgiedd, Ystradgynlais.

MEMBERS REPRESENTING OUTSIDE BODIES.

BRECON AND RADNOR HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

Dr. T. L. Davies, Aelybryn, Llanhamlach.

ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM.

Lt.-Col. C. F. Q. Maclaine, M.B., Ch.B., R.A.M.C.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Mrs. N. Garnons-Williams, Glan-Clydach, Aber, Talybont-on-Usk.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE.

Coun. W. J. Millichap, Tregunter Lodge, Talgarth (Chairman).

BRECON DISTRICT.

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BRYNMAWR DISTRICT.

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BUILTH DISTRICT.

Coun. T. H. O. Thomas, Talwrnmaenog, Llanwrthwl, Nr. Llandrindod Wells.
Coun. M. L. Bourdillon, Llwynmadoc, Llanwrtyd Wells.

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Coun. Penry Davies, Penrhiw, Trecastle.

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Coun. D. P. Hopkins, Brynteg, Bronllys, Brecon.

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Coun. M. J. Chambers, 10 The Green, Trefechan, Cefn Coed.
(Resigned).

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Coun. W. J. Millichap, Tregunter Lodge, Talgarth.
Dr. T. L. Davies, Aelybryn, Llanhamlach.

LADY MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE COMMITTEE.

Ald. Mrs. C. O. Williams.

STAFF OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

MEDICAL.

County M.O.H. and
Principal School M.O.
(Tele. Brecon 2456/7).

R. G. Evans, B.Sc., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

Deputy C.M.O.H. and
School M.O.

Vacancy.

Assistant C.M.O.H. and
School M.O.

M. W. Evans, M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.S.,
L.R.C.P., B.Sc.

Assistant C.M.O.H. and
S.M.O.

Vacancy.

(Temporary Sessional Medical
Officers)

J. M. Coppock, M.B., B.Ch.
E. I. Rice-Evans, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

N.B.—Consultant Medical Staff (Part Time) see page 11.

DENTAL.

Principal Dental Officer :

Mr. J. H. Sutcliffe, L.D.S.

Dental Officer:

Mr. P. J. George, L.D.S. (Retired).

Area Dental Officer:

Mr. R. L. Davies, B.D.S.

Dental Surgery Assistants:

Miss B. Roberts.

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Miss S. Duffield.

NURSING.

Superintendent Nursing Officer.

Miss E. M. Main,
Brecon.

(Tele.—Brecon 2456/7).

Health Visitors and School Nurses.

Area Covered.

Mrs. S. E. J. Rees,
Brynmaur.

Brynmaur Urban.

VACANCY

Vaynor (Cefncoedycymmer), Vaynor (Gelly
and Duffryn), Dolygaer, Cwmataff, Vaynor
(Nantddu), Llanfeigan (Pontsarn), Llandetty
(Pontsticill).

VACANCY

Hirwaun (Part), Penderyn (Cefncoedycymmer),
Nantddu, Hepste Hamlet,
Ystradfellte, Pontneathvaughan, Tor-
pantau, Cross Bychan, Rhigos (Part).

Mrs. J. Silk,
9, Victoria Terrace,
Crickhowell.

Ffawydddog, Crickhowell, Llangattock,
Cwmdu, Llanbedr, Llangenny, Llan-
grwyney, Grwynefechan, Tretower,
Patrishow, Forest Coalpit (Part), Llanelly
(Clydach).

Miss C. Williams,
Ystradgynlais.

Colbren, Penycae, Abercrave (including
Isyrhos and Caerbont Hill up to Caerbont
Corner), Right hand side of Brecon Road
(going Southwards) as far and including
Derwen Road, Lluet, Bryn Road, Lluet
Fach, Minyrhos and Dolfaen, Penwyllt,
Seven Sisters and Glyntawe.

Health Visitors and School Nurses (Continued).—

Area Covered.

Mrs. E. G. Thomas,
Ystradgynlais.

From Caerbont Corner and left of Brecon Road (going Southwards) and all area below the Clinic, including Cwmgiedd, Cwmtawe Road, Ynis Isaf, Ynis Uchaf Cwmtwrch, Gurnos, Cynlais, and Yniscedwyn.

VACANCY

Hay Urban and Part of Hay Rural, Llanigon, Tregoyd and Velindre, Pipton, Aberllynfi, Llanfillo, Talgarth, Bronllys and Llanellieu.

VACANCY

Llanwrtyd, Llanwrtyd Without, Llandulas, Llandewi-Abergwesyn, Penbualt, Treflis, Llangammarch, Gwarafog, Llanfihangel-Abergwesyn, Llanlleonfel, Llanafanfawr, Llanafanfechan.

Miss G. L. Ward.

Brecon (St. Mary's) Part, St. John's, St. David's (Within), St. David's (Without), Aberyscir, Aberbran, Llanfihangel-Nantbran, Trallong, Maescar, (Defynock) Llandilorfarn, Senni, Cray, Trecastle, Traiangelas, Traianmawr, Ysclydach, Halfway, Llanspyddid, Merthyr Cynog, Battle, Upper Chapel, Castle Madoc, Llandefaelog, Fennyfach, Cradoc, Pontfaen, Lower Chapel.

Miss M. L. Evans,
28, Penpentre,
Talybont-on-Usk.
(Tele.—Talybont-on-Usk
265).

Brecon (St. Mary's) Part, Garthbrenny, Llanddew, Talybont, Llanfrynach, Aber, Pencelli, Cross Oak, Llanfigan, Cantref, Llandetty, Llanhamlach, Bwlch, Part of Llanfihangel Cwmdru, Cathedine, Llangorse, Duffryn Crawnnon, Llanfihangel Tallyllyn, Llangasty, Tallyllyn, Llanwern, Llechfaen, Scethrog, Llansantffraed, Pennorth, Groesffordd.

Miss M. Wyatt,
Builth Wells.

Builth Urban, Llandewir Cwm, Llanganten, Llangynog, Llanynis, Cilmery, Rhosferig, Maesmynis, Alltmawr, Crickadarn, Gwenddwr, Llandefalle, Talachddu, Pontybat, Felinfach, Llyswn.

District Nurses/Midwives.

Mrs. P. Hope,
Compton House,
Hay.
(Tele.—Hay 483).

Talgarth, Bronllys, Pengeffordd, Pontybat, Llanfillo, Llandefalle, Colebrook, Trefecca, Trefeinon, Llanellieu.

VACANCY

Builth Wells, Llandewi'r Cwm, Llanganten, Llangynog, Llanynis, Maesmynis, Rhosferig, Alltmawr, Cilmery.

P. McDonough,
7, Gwernyfed Park,
Three Cocks.
(Tele.—Glasbury 254).

Llyswn, Crickadarn, Gwenddwr, Erwood, Llaneglwys.

VACANCY

Llanwrtyd, Llandulas, Llandewi-Abergwessin, Penbualt, Treflis, Llangammarch, Gwarafog, Garth, Llwynmadoc, Llanafanfawr, Llanlleonfel, Llanfihangel-Abergwessin, Beulah, Llanafanfechan.

District Nurses/Midwives (Continued).—

Area Covered.

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| Mrs. J. M. Lode,
Bronllynfi,
Glasbury.
(Tele.—Glasbury 242). | Hay Urban, Llanigon, Glasbury, Velindre,
Three Cocks, Pipton, Tregoyd, Pontithel,
Hay Rural (Part), Aberllynfi. |
| Miss E. T. Thomas,
18, Plasderwen,
Llangattock,
Crickhowell.
(Tele.—Crickhowell 383). | Llangattock, Llanbedr, Llangenny, Cwmdu
(Part), Tretower, Grwynefechan, Par-
trishow, Llangrwyney, Forest Coalpit
(Part), Crickhowell. |
| Mrs. M. Sier,
2, Crabtree Walk,
Trefechan, Cefn Coed,
Nr. Merthyr Tydfil.
(Tele.—Merthyr Tydfil 3852). | Cefn Coed, Gelly, Pontsticill, Dolygaer,
Pontsarn. |
| Mrs. M. C. James,
25, Coryton Close,
Brecon.
(Tele.—Brecon 2762). | Brecon Urban (St. John), Battle, Llan-
defaelog, Merthyr Cynog, Pontfaen,
Llanfihangel - Fechan, Lower Chapel,
Upper Chapel, Llanddew, Fennyfach. |
| Mrs. M. D. Jones,
5, John Street,
Hirwaun.
(Tele.—Hirwaun 2791). | Hirwaun (Breconshire Part), Penderyn,
Ystradfellte, Pontneathvaughan. |
| Mrs. D. M. Jeffreys,
1, Glannau Senni,
Sennybridge.
(Tele.—Sennybridge 520). | Sennybridge, Defynnog, Pentrefelin, Cray,
Llanfihangel - Nant - Bran, Llandilofane,
Traianglas, Traianmawr, Ciliene, Trecastle,
Ysclydach, Aberpedwar, Trallong, Aber-
bran, Senny. |
| Mrs. M. E. Jackson,
22, Maes-y-felin,
Llangorse, Brecon.
(Tele.—Llangorse 281). | Cathedine, Bwlch, Part of Cwmdu, Llan-
gorse, Llanfihangel - Talyllyn, Llangasty-
Talyllyn, Llanwern, Llechfaen, Scethrog,
Llanhamlach, Llansantffraed, Pennorth,
Llangynidr. |
| Mrs. I. M. Jenkins,
12, Bank Crescent,
Gilwern.
(Tele.—Gilwern 242). | Llanelly (Clydach), Llanelly (Darenfelen). |
| Mrs. E. M. Hughes,
Frondeg,
Llanfaes, Brecon.
(Tele.—Brecon 2048). | Brecon (St. David's Within), Brecon (St.
David's Without), Aberyscir, Cantref,
Maescar, Llanspyddid, Penpont, Modrydd,
Glyn. |
| Mrs. R. E. Panas,
5, Y Scethrog,
Nr. Brecon.
(Tele.—Talybont 207). | Brecon (St. Mary), Llanfrynach, Llanfigan
and Llandetty. |
| Miss J. Williams,
65, Bailey St.,
Brynmawr.
(Tele.—Brynmawr 746). | Brynmawr (East). |
| Miss M. Emery,
Fair View,
Llanelly Hill.
(Tele.—Gilwern 720). | Brynmawr (West). |

District Midwives.

Mrs. J. Price,
Glanrhyd Farm,
Glanrhyd,
Ystradgynlais.
(Tele.—Glantawe 3167).

Mrs. Dulcie Lewis,
18, Brynawelon,
Colbren.
(Tele.—Seven Sisters 292).

Mrs. E. Powell,
22, Cwmtawe Road,
Penrhos.
(Tele.—Glantawe 3398).

District Nurses.

Nurse S. E. H. Paige,
30, Heolmeurig,
Lower Cwmtwrch.
(Tele.—Glantawe 3294).

Mrs. G. M. Llewellyn,
8, Heol Maesydre,
Ystradgynlais.
(Tele.—Glantawe 3370).

Mrs. J. M. Lewis,
40, Llanfaes,
Ystradgynlais,
(Tele. Glantawe 3176).

Mrs. V. H. James,
Maesyralt,
Abercrave.
(Tele.—Abercrave 678).

Relief Nurses/Midwives.

Miss M. M. Jones,
No. 8, Bungalow,
Pendre,
Builth Wells.
(Tele.—Builth Wells 3121).

VACANCY

Mrs. I. M. Williams,
42, Lansbury Road,
(Tele.—Brynmawr 567).

NURSING AUXILIARIES.

Mrs. B. M. Osborne,
4, Camden Terrace,
Brecon.

Mrs. Joyce Roberts,
15, Bryn de Winton,
Brecon.

ORTHOPAEDIC.

Orthopaedic Nurse.

SPEECH THERAPISTS.

DOMESTIC HELP.

Supervisor

Area Covered.

Ystradgynlais, Penrhos, Glanrhyd, Glantawe, Cwmgiedd (Clock Factory Boundary).

Abercrave, Colbren, Yniswen, Penycæ, Penwyllt, Seven Sisters, Caerllan, Isyrhos, Minyrhos and Glyntawe.

Lower Cwmtwrch, Upper Cwmtwrch and Gurnos.

Ystradgynlais, Penrhos, Glyntawe and Cwmgiedd.

Lower Cwmtwrch, Upper Cwmtwrch, Gurnos and Glanrhyd.

Abercrave, Colbren, Yniswen, Penycæ, Penwyllt, Seven Sisters, Caerllan, Isyrhos, Minyrhos and Glyntawe.

Relief Nurse.

Relief Nurse, Cefn, Vaynor and Hirwaun.

Relief District Nurse/Midwife, Brynmawr.

Brecon Urban and Rural.

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Mrs. J. Jones.

Mrs. E. M. Rolt, L.C.S.T.
Mrs. M. Morgan, L.C.S.T. (Part time).

Mrs. F. J. McLean.

CHIROPODY.

Chiropodists

Mr. C. G. Morrish, M.Ch.S.
(Registered Medical Auxiliary).
Mrs. M. A. Llewellyn (Part Time),
36, Gough Road, Ystalyfera, Glam.,
M.Ch.S. (Registered Medical Auxiliary).
Mrs. D. Jones, Danybryn, Bwlch,
(Registered Medical Auxiliary).

MENTAL WELFARE.

Psychiatric Social Worker Mental Welfare Officers

Miss Gwen Morgan (Part Time)
(Border Hospital Management Committee).
Mr. K. Phillips,
13, The Watton, Brecon
(Tele.—Brecon 2040).
Mr. T. V. Rees,
Welfare Office, Lower Bailey St.,
Brynmawr (Tele.—Brynmawr 254).
Mr. D. J. Davies,
Old Police Station, Talgarth.
(Tele.—Talgarth 442).
Mrs. M. M. R. England,
3, Monumental Terrace, Cefn Coed, Nr.
Merthyr Tydfil (Tele.—Merthyr Tydfil
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Mr. Wm. T. Davies,
Peglers Buildings, Ystradgynlais.
(Tele.—Glantawe 3104).
Mr. R. I. Jones,
Y Nyth, Llanfihangel-Talyllyn, Nr. Brecon
(Tele.—Llangorse 287).
Miss G. Watkins.

Supervisor, Adult and Junior Occupational Training Centre

ADMINISTRATIVE AND CLERICAL.

Chief Clerk and M.W.O. Senior Clerk Domestic Help and Ambulance School Medical Service Nursing Services Welfare Foods Clerk

Mr. R. I. Jones
Mr. R. E. Page
Mr. I. Lewis
Mr. T. Jones
Mrs. Margaret Powell
Mr. D. W. Foster (Resigned)

CONSULTANT STAFF OF THE WELSH HOSPITAL BOARD WHO PROVIDE SPECIALIST SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

Consultant Chest Physicians

D. Ivor Williams, M.B., Ch.B.
L. Erin, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
P. Owen-Lloyd, B.M., M.R.C.P.
S. Keidan, M.B., Ch.B.
G. W. Hoare, M.A., M.B., B.Chir.,
F.R.C.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.O.M.S.
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G. Diggle, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P.
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J. McDonald, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M.
F. L. Willington, B.Ch., M.D.
T. F. McCarthy, M.B., B.Ch.

Ophthalmic

Orthopaedic Psychiatry

Geriatric

MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH IN THE COUNTY

Brecon Urban; and

Rural:

Builth Urban; and

Rural:

Hay Urban; and

Rural:

Llanwrtyd Wells

Urban:

Brynmawr Urban:

Crickhowell Rural:

Vaynor and Penderyn

Rural:

Ystradgynlais Rural:

Dr. J. K. Jones
L.M.S.S.A., D.P.H.
(Tel. Brecon 2884)

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS IN THE COUNTY.

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GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (Square miles)	...	783
Area (Aeres)	...	469,285
Population (1931 Census)	...	57,775
„ (1939 Census)	...	54,357
„ (1951 Census)	...	56,508
„ (1961 Census)	...	55,444
„ estimated to Middle of 1969	...	54,940
Rateable Value (1st April, 1969)	...	£1,383,192
Sum represented by 1d. rate 1967/68	...	£5,262

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births	...	715
Live birth rate per 1,000 population	...	13
Illegitimate Live Births (percentage of total Live Births)	...	4.89%
Stillbirths	...	10
Still birth rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths...	...	14
Total Live and Stillbirths	...	725
Infant deaths (under 1 year)	...	16
Infant Mortality Rates.—		
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	...	22
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	22
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	29
Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births (first four weeks)	...	13
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	...	11
Peri-natal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	...	25
Maternal deaths (including abortion)	...	Nil
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births	...	Nil

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT. 1946

Section 21.—Health Centres: The question of Health Centres has been frequently discussed during the year at meetings held between officers of the County Council, the Clerk of the Breconshire National Health Service Executive Council, and various interested General Medical Practitioners. As a result of such discussions Health Centres are planned for Colbren, Ystradgynlais, Llanwrttyd Wells and Sennybridge.

Section 22.—Care of Mothers and Young Children: This Section covers the following activities:— (a) Ante-natal clinics, (b) Post-natal clinics, (c) Child welfare clinics, (d) Day nurseries and residential nurseries, (e) Mother and baby homes, (f) Dental treatment given to expectant or nursing mothers, and children under 5 years of age, (g) care of premature infants, (h) Ophthalmia Neonatorum and Maternal Deaths, etc., and replaces the old heading of Maternity and Child Welfare.

Information and figures relating to the various sections are given below:—

Care of Premature Infants, i.e. babies weighing $5\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. or less at birth irrespective of the period of gestation:—

Special equipment for the domiciliary nursing of premature infants is held at the offices of the local health authority, and special heated incubators are provided for transporting premature babies to hospitals (see Ambulance Service).

If found necessary to admit such infants to hospitals, the local hospital authority would be approached by the nurse or mid-wife and the greatest possible assistance is always given in arranging accommodation.

During 1969 the number of notifications of premature births in the County after correction, was as follows—

(a) Total Number of Premature Live Births in the Area	49
(b) Number of Premature Live Births at Home	... 3
(c) Number of Premature Live Births in Private Nursing Homes	... —
(d) Number of Premature Live Births in Hospital	... 46

(2) Premature Still Births.

(a) Total number of Premature Still Births in the Area	7
(b) Number of Premature Still Births at home	... —
* (c) Number of premature Still births in Private Nursing Homes	... —
(d) Number of Still Births in Hospitals	... 7

*Including Maternity Homes not in the National Health Services and Mother and Baby Homes where the women are confined in the Homes.

During the year all cases of premature births have again been followed up, including those delivered in hospitals, which has necessitated the interchange of records between Local Health Authorities. The co-operation of the hospitals has been freely given and the information required is readily provided by them.

Table VIII appended to this report shows the weight of the infants at birth and the number of infants who survived 28 days.

Complicated Maternity Cases.

The investigation of cases for hospital confinements is undertaken by the department. Such cases are brought to the notice of the authority in four ways:- (1) the general practitioner (2) the Clinic Medical Officer, (3) the midwife or (4) the patient herself. In each individual case a report is then obtained on the housing conditions (or other social defects) and consideration is given to the question of whether hospital accommodation is required. Where the request for a hospital confinement is based solely on lack of assistance, this is in some cases overcome by the provision of domestic help. Having decided that the case requires accommodation in hospital, a request is then made to the most convenient hospital to book accommodation.

Two hospitals in Breconshire admit maternity cases:—

Brecon War Memorial Hospital ... 6 beds

Builth Cottage Hospital ... 3 beds

In addition, accommodation is provided for Breconshire cases at the following hospitals outside the county borders:—

Glossop Terrace, Cardiff

Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport

Hereford County Hospital

Blaina and District Hospital

St. James Hospital, Tredegar

St. Tydfil's Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil

Neath General Hospital

Abergavenny Cottage Hospital

Ilandrindod County Hospital (occasionally)

Aberdare General Hospital

Amman Valley Hospital

Morryston Hospital

Griffithstown Hospital

Rockery, Ebbw Vale

The number of births in the County decreased during the year. The percentages of hospital confinement for the total births has again risen giving a percentage of births taken in hospital of 92.3% for the year 1969.

The figures for the past years are as follows:—

		Total Births in County	No. of Births in Hospital	Percentage of Births in Hospital
1960	...	831	631	75.9%
1961	...	831	620	74.6%
1962	...	849	648	76.3%
1963	...	912	737	80.8%
1964	...	868	722	83.1%
1965	...	859	744	86.6%
1966	...	805	713	88.5%
1967	...	741	669	90.2%
1968	...	772	703	91.0%
1969	...	721	666	92.3%

The following cases were admitted to hospital after social vetting for bad housing, bad home conditions, or for medical reasons.

Neath General 4; Amman Valley 12; Morriston Hospital 7;

Apart from the social vetting of home conditions for hospital confinements, the Department also assists by vetting the homes, at the request of Hospital Authorities where it is intended that the mother and baby should be discharged early from hospital, i.e. 48 hours after birth.

Child Welfare Centres.

Child Welfare Centres are held throughout the County at the following places and at the times shown:—

Centre and Place of Meeting.	Day and Time of Meeting.
1 Abercrave—Miners' Welfare Hall..	2nd and 4th Wednesdays in Month at 2 p.m.
2 Brecon—Clinic, Watton Offices ..	3rd Friday in month at 2 p.m.
3 Brynmawr—School Clinic ..	1st Wednesday in month at 2 p.m. (Doctors' Session). 3rd Wednesday in month at 2 p.m. (Nurses' Session).
4 Bullth Wells—Clinic, Park Road..	1st Tuesday in month at 2 p.m.
5 Cefn Coed—School Clinic ..	2nd and 4th Mondays in month at 2 p.m.
6 Colbren—Church Hall ..	3rd Monday in month at 2 p.m.
7 Crickhowell—Market Hall Clinic..	4th Thursday in month a.m. and p.m.
8 Cwmtwrch—Miners' Welfare Hall	2nd and 4th Thursdays in month at 2 p.m.
9 Devynnog—Market Hall, Senny-bridge	3rd Tuesday in month at 2 p.m.
10 Gilwern—Church Hall ..	2nd and 4th Wednesdays in month at 2 p.m.
11 Hay—Clinic, Oxford Road ..	2nd Thursday in month at 10 a.m.
12 Hirwaun—Bethel Church Vestry..	Wednesday fortnightly.
13 Llanwrtyd Wells—War Memorial Institute	1st Friday in month at 2 p.m.
14 Ystradgynlais School Clinic	1st and 3rd Thursday in month at 2 p.m.
15 Tirabad Clinic	4th Friday in month at 2 p.m.
16 Llangammarch Wells — Church Institute	3rd Friday in month at 2 p.m.
17 Cwrt-y-Gollen Camp, Crickhowell ..	1st Wednesday in month at 2 p.m.

When necessary, cases are referred to their own doctors or to Hospital for treatment or consultation.

The clinic held fortnightly at the Bethel Church Vestry, Hirwaun, is organised by the Glamorgan County Council, and mothers from Vaynor and Penderyn district of Breconshire are catered for by arrangement with Glamorgan. Breconshire pays a proportionate cost of this clinic based on the population of the area covered and a Breconshire Health Visitor attends regularly.

Ante-Natal Clinics.

Facilities for ante-natal examinations are provided by the local health authority. These clinics are held at the times and places stated:—

Abercrave: 2nd Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Brynmawr: 1st Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Ystradgynlais: 1st and 3rd Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

These clinics are held in:— One Welfare Hall. and two permanent clinic premises which are owned by the Education Authority and/or the Local Health Authority.

As a result of discussions between the Local Health Authority and the Local Medical Committee, reports are sent to the General Practitioners in respect of their patients in attendance at the Ante-Natal Clinics.

Post-Natal Clinics.

There are no specially held post-natal clinics—all patients attend the ante-natal sessions.

Specialist Clinics.

There are no specialist-clinics under the auspices of the local health authority.

Assistance given at Clinics in General Practitioners' own Premises.

Assistance at one General Medical Practitioner's Surgery is now given by a midwife in the Sennybridge area.

In Talgarth area there exists a close liaison between the Group Medical Practice and the local District Nurse/Midwife who attends the Surgery to hold mothercraft training classes, and Nurse Midwives now attend the General Practitioners Surgery at Hay and Talgarth daily.

The pilot scheme of attachment of nurses to the Group Practice of six doctors in Brecon Town is to be extended and operated for a further trial.

Nurse Midwives continue to attend the Surgery each morning in rotation and two Health Visitors in this area attend alternatively also in the mornings.

In Hirwaun the District Nurse/Midwife attends the doctors' surgery fortnightly when he holds his Ante Natal Clinic on Monday afternoons

Blood Testing.

Arrangements are made for collecting blood specimens at the clinics and these are sent to the National Blood Transfusion Laboratory at Cardiff, and elsewhere.

The findings are in all cases reported to the patients' General Medical Practitioners.

A special session is held at the Ystradgynlais Clinic on the 4th Tuesday of each month for collecting blood specimens.

Liaison Committees.

During the year Liaison Committees were held at various hospitals situated within the County and at hospitals having a catchment area for Breconshire. Such committees are attended by the General Medical Practitioners, Local Health Authority Staff and the Staff of Hospitals.

These committees are covered by the:

Glantawe H.M.C.

Brecon and Radnor H.M.C.

North Monmouthshire H.M.C.

Institutional Provision for Unmarried Mothers, Illegitimate Infants, and Homeless Children in the District—

Arrangements are made with the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Moral Welfare Association to carry out this work, the Health Authority being responsible for the maintenance of the mother for approximately one month before the confinement and period of 14 days after birth. Maintenance after this date becomes the responsibility of the Welfare Committee. A grant of £100 p.a. is also given to the Association.

Family Planning Clinics.

The Family Planning Association continues to hold Family Planning Clinics in Breconshire.

The Council has invoked the aid of the Family Planning Association in operating the Family Planning Clinics as sole agents throughout the County.

The cost of the clinics is met by the County Council. Advice is given free to all seeking it, but appliances are only provided free of cost in medically recommended cases.

The decision as to whether supplies are needed on medical grounds is at the sole discretion of the Medical Officer in charge of the Clinics.

The clinics are now held at:—

Brecon: The Clinic, Watton Offices, Brecon

1st and 3rd Fridays in each month from 5.45 to 7 p.m.

Ystradgynlais: The Clinic, Derwen Rd. Ystradgynlais.

2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month 6 p.m.

Brynmawr: The Clinic, Lower Bailey Street, Brynmawr.

1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month 6 p.m.

Cefn Coed: The Clinic, Brewery Lane, Cefn Coed.

2nd and 4th Thursdays each month 7 p.m.

Relaxation Exercises and Mothercraft Training Clinics.

Relaxation classes and Mothercraft Clinics are held at fixed centres in the County. These meet weekly as follows:—

Brecon Clinic	... Thursday.
Ystradgynlais Clinic	... Tuesday.
Brynmawr Clinic	... Thursday.
Builth Wells Clinic	... Thursday.
Tirabad Clinic	... Thursday.
Hay-on-Wye Clinic	... Friday.
Crickhowell Clinic	... Tuesday.
Talgarth Clinic	... Wednesday.

Maternity Outfits.

Maternity outfits are distributed free of charge to expectant mothers by the midwives who are booked for the cases. The outfit provided is a standard sterilised pack.

Necessary items required for the lying in, which are not included in the maternity outfit, are provided by the midwife attending the case.

Day Nurseries, Hospitals for Children, and Mother and Baby Homes.

The Education Committee has one Nursery School at Brynmawr.

Six Play groups were registered under the Child Minders Regulations Act, 1948 (Registration of Premises) at the end of the year.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

There were no notified cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum during the year.

Maternal Deaths.

There were no deaths of mothers during the year

Supply of Dried Milk.

The supply of proprietary brands of dried milk is not undertaken at the clinics.

This question is of course always under constant review together with the possibility of providing other medicaments at Clinics

Distribution of Welfare Foods.

Formal approval was given by the Welsh Board of Health to the Council's Scheme for the distribution of Welfare Foods on the 8th November, 1954, and the scheme continues to function with 5 main Distribution Centres and 16 voluntary distributors from shops and private dwellings.

The main centres are manned by an officer engaged for this purpose.

These main centres are as follows, and open on the days and times stated.

<u>District.</u>		<u>Address of Centre.</u>	<u>Day.</u>	<u>Times.</u>
Builth Wells	..	The Clinic, Park Road, Builth Wells	Monday	11 a.m. - 12 noon.
Brynmawr	..	The Clinic, Bailey Street, Brynmawr	Tuesday	11 a.m. - 12 noon.
Ystradgynlais	..	The Clinic, Derwen Road, Ystradgynlais	Wednesday	11 a.m. - 12 noon.
Crickhowell	..	The Clinic, Market Hall Crickhowell	Thursday	11 a.m. - 12 noon.
Brecon	..	Health Dept., Watton Offices Brecon	Friday	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Delivery of Welfare Foods is made to Llanwrtyd Wells on Monday, as necessary, by the Welfare Foods Officer from Builth Wells. Mrs. Peace of Campsie, Llanwrtyd Wells thereafter distributes the National Dried Milk etc., to various points in the area such as Tirabad, Beulah and Llangammarch.

Again I offer my thanks to all the voluntary distributors who have distributed milk from their homes, shops, or centres provided by the County Council. Their help has permitted us to continue to run this scheme so smoothly.

The following items were issued during 1969:—

National Dried Milk	...	5,650
Orange Juice	...	7,673
Cod Liver Oil	...	379
Vitamin Tablets 'A' and 'D'	...	234

The following list gives the names and addresses of the volunteers who distributed National Dried Milk etc., as at 31st December, 1969.

**Names and Addresses of persons
supplying Welfare Foods.**

Times when available

Mrs. Westrip, Market Hall. Sennybridge	.. No times specified
Mr. G. Watkins, Holland Stores, 221 King Street, Brynmawr	.. Shop hours.
Mrs. A. M. Davies, 75. Yniswen, Penycae.	.. Daily — No time specified
Mr. D Watkins, Talybont-on-Usk	.. Shop hours.
Mr. E Williams, Lydenburg Stores Talybont	.. Shop hours.
Mrs. S. Pope, General Stores, Bwlch	.. Daily — Shop hours
Cwrt-y-Gollen Camp, Crickhowell	.. Daily (no time Stated).
Mrs. P. Morris, Main Road, Gilwern	.. Daily — Shop hours
Mr. J. Williams, Chapel House, Clydach	Daily — Shop hours
Mrs. J. Eynon, Llewellyn Row, Llanelly Hill	.. Daily — Shop hours
Mrs Peace, Campsie. Llanwrtyd Wells	When at home.
Mr. A Price, Grocer, Heolydwr, Hay-on-Wye	.. Shop hours.
Gwynne's Stores, Talgarth	.. Shop hours.
Mrs. L. J. Davies, Cartrefle, Llan-Talyllyn	.. Daily — No time specified.
Mr. W. H. Millichap 38, Orchard St. Llanfaes, Brecon	.. Shop hours.
Mr. J. Williams, Camden Stores, Dorlangoch, Brecon	.. Shop hours.

Dental Care of Mothers and Young Children 1969.

Dental treatment is provided for expectant and nursing mothers and young children under 5 years by the School Dental Officers at the following clinics:—

Brecon, Brynmawr, Builth Wells, Cefn Coed, Crickhowell, Hay-on-Wye, Tirabad and Ystradgynlais.

15 mothers were examined all of whom were found to be in need of treatment and 15 courses of treatment were commenced, 3 of which were completed during the year. The number of teeth extracted was 42, the number of fillings inserted 20 and 2 dentures were provided.

61 children were examined, 48 of whom were found to be in need of treatment, 48 courses of treatment were commenced, the number of teeth extracted was 45 and 54 fillings were inserted. 18 courses of treatment were completed.

Full details of inspection and treatment carried out are shown in Table VII.

Section 23—Midwifery Services

Under the provisions of Section 23 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, the local health authority fulfilled its obligations by covering its area with a sufficient number of qualified midwives to meet the needs thereof. The Authority had in its employ on the 30th September, 1969 (this is the date for which the Ministry of Health now requires this information), 3 whole-time and 20 part-time midwives giving an equivalent whole time staff of 7.03 midwives available to attend upon women being confined in their own homes. In addition to these there were 7 hospital midwives practising in the County on the 31st December, 1969.

One Superintendent Nursing Officer is employed who is also the Non-Medical Supervisor of Midwives. Periodic inspections are made to the midwives employed by the local health authority and supervision of Hospital Midwives is also carried out.

Tables dealing with midwifery notification of births, etc., are given below:—

Supervision of Midwives.

Thirty four Midwives notified their intention to practice in the County during the year viz. 32 residents, 2 border midwives

9 were resident in Institutions.

2 Radnorshire midwives functioning in Breconshire, by arrangement between the Authorities.

23 were employed by the Breconshire County Council.

Ante-Natal Supervision by Midwives—

Domiciliary midwives undertake ante-natal supervision of their patients. This supervision is backed by a comprehensive service provided by the general practitioners, the local health authority at their ante-natal clinics, and the Hospital Service.

The domiciliary midwives work in close co-operation with the local general practitioners undertaking maternity medical services. They attend with their patients whenever required to do so at the doctors' surgeries. Doctors are notified of births by the Public Health Department within a week of the notification of birth being received. This has been arranged at the request of the Local Medical Committee.

Notifications from Midwives during 1969—

136 forms of sending for Medical Aid were received—116 for mothers and 20 for children.

An analysis of the causes for summoning medical aid is given below:—

For the Mother:—

Ruptured Perineum	... 40
Prolonged, obstructed or labour inertia	... 15
Ante or Post Partum Haemorrhage	... 5
Retained or adherent Placenta	... 5
Episiotomy	... 26
Breech Presentation	... 1
Suturing of Episiotomy	... 3
Meconium Stained Liquor	... 3
Maternal Distress	... 2
Emergency Admission	... 1
Ventouse Delivery	... 1
Pain in Chest and High Blood Pressure	... 1
High Blood Pressure	... 1
Premature Labour	... 1
Stillbirth	... 1
Absence of foetal heart admission	... 1
Unhealed Perineum	... 1
Abortion	... 1
Born Before Arrival	... 1
Slow Involution of Uterus	... 1
Suppression of Lactation	... 2
Mild Pyrexia	... 1
Painful Breasts	... 2

For the Child:—

Foetal Distress	... 9
Blue Asphyxia	... 1
Infant Cyanosed with Petechia	... 1
Infant poor general condition	... 1
Abdominal Distension	... 1
Talipes	... 2
Congenital Heart Murmur	... 1
Sticky Eyes	... 2
Infected Eye	... 1
Ulceration of Mouth	... 1

In some cases, one Medical Aid Form was used for several different causes.

Fees of Doctors called in under Midwives Act, 1918—Section 14 and N.H.S. (Amendment) Act, 1949, Section 29 (2).

No. of cases in which General Practitioners claimed payment in respect of Medical Aid Forms	}	Nil
Total Amount of Claims paid ...		Nil

Breaches of Central Midwives Board Rules.

No breaches of the rules occurred in the year.

Administration of Analgesics.

All Midwives employed by the local health authority are qualified to administer gas and air analgesia to patients under their care.

- Number of midwives in practice in the area, including private and hospital nurses qualified to administer analgesics, in accordance with the requirements of the Central Midwives Board:—

(a) Domiciliary	...	23
(b) In Institutions	...	9
Radnorshire midwives functioning in Breconshire by arrangements between the Authorities		2
Total	...	34
- Number of cases in which analgesics were administered by midwives in domiciliary practice during the year—

Entonox	...	38
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- Number of midwives trained in the year ... —
- Total number of sets of Entonox Apparatus supplied by the Council ... 23
- Number of cases in which Pethilorfan was administered by Midwives in Domiciliary practice during the year. ... 31

Refresher Courses for Midwives.

There are no facilities for holding refresher courses for midwives within the County.

During the year 5 midwives attended refresher courses at Liverpool, Hastings and at Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham.

Training of Pupil Midwives.

No facilities exist for the actual training of pupil midwives within the County.

The cost of training midwives is, of course, a pool arrangement and Breconshire contributes to the Central Midwives Board the amount levied for this purpose.

Notification of Births.

The following notifications of births were received during the year:—Live Births 312; Still Births 2; making a total of 314

These births were attended by:—

District Nurse Midwives: County	...	55
Hospital and Institutional Midwives	...	259

Number of Births notified in the Authority's Area during 1969 under Section 203 of the Public Health Act, 1936, as adjusted by any transferred notifications:—

(a) Live Births 711; (b) Still Births 10; (c) Total 721

Section 24—Health Visiting.

The health visiting staff consists of 1 Superintendent Nursing Officer and 13 part-time health visitors, who also act as school nurses.

The Health Visitors visit monthly children under one year of age and thereafter at three-monthly intervals those between one and five years, although the two year olds are visited more frequently.

In addition to health visiting of expectant mothers and nursing mothers of young children, the health visiting staff works in close co-operation with the hospitals. When notices of discharges are received from the hospitals these are forwarded to the appropriate health visitors for the area, giving the diagnosis treatment and recommendation as to further treatment.

The County Council offers allowances of 75% of the minimum salary of Health Visitor, for the duration of the course to suitably qualified persons who are prepared to train for the Health Visitor's Certificate, plus the usual allowance made by the Breconshire County Council in respect of uniform and laundry, as well as reasonable travelling expenses, tuition and examination fees incurred in pursuing the training course approved by the County Council.

Training of Health Visitors is now subject to financial pooling arrangements, somewhat similar to Midwives Training. The expenditure of the Authority will be adjusted by a further claim against them, or by re-imburement of excess expenditure.

There are no facilities for the training of student health visitors within the County.

Particulars of the number of visits paid to mothers and babies are to be found in Table VI appended.

During the year 2 Health Visitors attended courses held at Cambridge.

HEALTH EDUCATION

Ante Natal.

Classes continue to be run by Health Visitors and Midwives at eight County Clinics. For further details of this one should refer to page 19 of this report under the heading of "Relaxation Exercise and Mothercraft Training Clinics".

Individual teaching is still being given by the Health Visitors at Infant Welfare Clinics.

Lung Cancer.

Health Education in relation to Lung Cancer is still mainly directed to the teenagers in schools. Posters are freely displayed at all County Council Clinics and other premises, drawing the attention of members of the public to the dangers of smoking.

During the year the department's continued efforts in this direction were devoted to poster propaganda as no visits were made to schools expressly for this purpose. Owing to other commitments and shortage of staff it has not been possible to arrange such talks, lectures or demonstrations.

Posters were distributed and the film "Smoking and You" is available for free loan to Youth Clubs etc. together with a 16 m.m. projector.

Section 25 — Home Nursing.

A whole-time nursing service is provided by the local health authority. The staff consists of 4 whole-time and 20 part-time nurses assisted by 2 part time Nursing Auxiliaries giving an equivalent of 10.87 full-time nurses and 1 whole time Nursing Auxiliary. The nurses in the various districts co-operate to the fullest extent and work in conjunction with the general practitioners. The supervision of the nursing in the home is exercised by the Superintendent Nursing Officer. Liaison with the hospital and domiciliary nursing services does not generally exist in a direct nature. In the small hospitals within the County, the doctors at the hospitals are normally the general practitioners who are already in close contact with the district nurses. In the case of the large base hospitals situated outside the county, the patient's doctor is aware of the requirements of discharged cases and he requests what attention is necessary. Also, as in the case of health visitors, hospitals contact the department when they require domiciliary nursing of any case being discharged.

Classification and Proportion of Main Types of Cases attended by Home Nurses.

During the year 2,199 patients were nursed in the homes and 57,721 visits were made.

These cases were classified as follows:—

	Patients	Visits.
Medical ...	1,529	47,028
Surgical ...	529	8,570
Infectious Disease ...	22	35
Tuberculosis ...	14	511
Maternal Complication	2	6
Others ...	103	1,571

Further analysis of the above show that 919 patients were over 65 years of age, and 108 were under 5 years.

The average number of visits per case for all patients works out at 26.2 visits each.

Section 26 — Vaccination and Immunisation.

Under the provision of Section 26 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, arrangements are made for Smallpox vaccination and immunisation against diphtheria to be carried out by the general practitioners and at clinics by the local health authority's Medical Officers.

Health Visitors in their visits to the homes encourage the parents to avail themselves of the opportunity of having their children vaccinated against Smallpox.

Health Visitors also encourage the mothers to bring their children to the clinics for immunisation against diphtheria or take them to the general practitioner.

The following tables show the work carried out in the County during 1969.

(a) Vaccination—

Vaccination can be carried out by the family doctors at their surgeries at the request of the parents and is also undertaken by the County Council Medical Staff. Practitioners who undertake this work are supplied with lymph from the Local Health Authority.

Vaccination is free of charge to the patient.

Figures of persons vaccinated each year during the last 10 years are given below:—

Year.	Primary Vaccination.	Re-Vaccination.
1960	419	49
1961	333	85
1962	12,570	8,883
1963	152	81
1964	141	43
1965	242	54
1966	308	123
1967	228	32
1968	188	32
1969	153	28

Figures for persons vaccinated (or re-vaccinated) in 1969:—

Age at date of Vaccination	Under 1	1	2—4	5—15	Total
Number Vaccinated ...	2	72	65	14	153
Number Re-Vaccinated	—		5	23	28

(b) Diphtheria Immunisation—

Diphtheria Immunisation work is being carried out quite satisfactorily at the various Infant Welfare Centres, on school premises and clinics, and from the figures obtainable to the end of the year, there is no doubt that the scheme continues to work most efficiently. In addition, children are immunised by private practitioners at their surgeries.

Number of children immunised during the year 1969 by Officers of the Council and by General Practitioners.

Year of Birth

	1969	1968	1967	1966	1962—65	Others under 16	Total
Primary doses ...	52	275	27	16	77	54	501
Re-inforcing doses...	5	150	259	19	674	533	1640

(c) Immunisation against Whooping Cough.

The immunisation against Whooping Cough, like other injections, can be given at the County Council Clinics and Schools or by the general medical practitioners at their own surgeries or in the home.

The Council's Scheme for Vaccination and Immunisation Section 26, was extended in 1954 to include the inoculation of children against whooping cough.

Antigen is supplied to General Practitioners for the combined inoculation against Diphtheria-Pertussis, or a Whooping Cough vaccine itself.

(d) Tetanus.

A scheme for inoculation against tetanus was commenced in 1961 and has been in operation for close on six years. The injections are normally combined with injections for Diphtheria and Whooping Cough or Diphtheria only. Occasionally anti-tetanus injections are given alone when necessary

(e) Poliomyelitis Vaccination.

The scheme for the vaccination of children and adults against poliomyelitis continued to work very smoothly throughout the year.

Sessions for vaccination were held during the day at School Clinics, or alternatively patients could be vaccinated by their own doctors.

The following information as at the end of 1969 will give some indication of the overall picture of persons vaccinated:—

	By Councils Medical Officers	By G.Ps.	Totals
Number of persons who had been given 3 injections of Salk Vaccine or 3 doses of Oral Vaccine up to the end of 1969. ...	17,508	8,944	26,452
Of the above number, the following persons had been given 4 injections or 3 injections plus 1 Oral Dose. or 4 Oral Doses, up to the end of 1969. ...	6,884	3,324	10,208

Section 27. Ambulance Service—

The strength of the ambulance fleet is now eight operational ambulances with a reserve of four vehicles, plus one long range ambulance.

Since taking over the operational control of the Ambulance Service in April 1964, efforts have been concentrated on replacing the older existing ambulances. I am pleased to state that the Authority now operates a fleet of comparatively new vehicles.

The ambulance arrangements remain as follows, at Brecon Builth, Cwmdru, Llyswen, Brynmawr and Ystradgynlais, since the Breconshire County Council has entered into agreement with garage owners to operate the scheme on similar lines to the garage arrangements previously made between the St. John's Association and the garages (excepting Ystradgynlais).

1. Brecon Ambulances.—Two ambulances cover Brecon Borough and the whole of Brecon Rural District.
2. Builth Ambulance covers Builth Urban, Llanwrtyd Urban, and Builth Rural District, with the exception of the Parish of Llanwrthwl at the very north of the County. This ambulance will also, by arrangement with Radnorshire, in emergency cases only, continue to cover as heretofore a small area of the County adjoining Builth Urban, viz. the parishes of Llanelwedd, Llansantffraed-in-Elvel, Aberedw, Dissert Rhulen, Llanbadarn-y-garreg, Llanfaredd and Cregina Glaswim and Colva. Radnorshire on their part covers for us the three Breconshire parishes of Llysdimam, Llanfihangel Brynpabuan, and Llanwrthwl in the north of the County by their ambulance from Llandrindod Wells.

3. Llyswen Ambulance covers Hay Urban and Hay Rural Districts together with the Radnorshire District of Paincastle Rural and parishes of Newchurch and Michaelchurch-on-Arrow.
4. Cwindu Ambulance covers the whole of the Crickhowell Rural District, other than Clydach and Darenfelen Areas.
5. Brynmawr Ambulance.—This ambulance covers Brynmawr, Clydach and Darenfelen.
6. Ystradgynlais Ambulances.—Two ambulances in this area are operated within the framework of the County Ambulance Service by full time personnel.

Apart from what has been mentioned above, in connection with Radnorshire, there are two areas of the County, both situated on the southern border, for which arrangements have been made for them to be covered by outside authorities as follows:—

- (a) Vaynor and Penderyn Rural District, including the Brecon Rural appendage of Hepste. Glamorgan has undertaken to cover this area in their scheme by their ambulances stationed at Seven Sisters, Glynneath and Aberdare.
- (b) The Village of Cefn Coed and the adjoining Parish of Vaynor (Pontstieill). The Borough of Merthyr Tydfil has undertaken to include this area in their ambulance scheme.

Since a considerable number of people live in the rural part of the Penderyn parish situated on the eastern border of this parish where it adjoins the parish of Vaynor but live within easy access of the main Brecon-Merthyr road, arrangements have been made that these people should be covered for ambulance purposes by the Merthyr Borough, even though they actually live within part of the area for which Glamorgan has undertaken responsibility since it is much more easy to obtain ambulance transport from Merthyr and Merthyr General Hospital is the one to which they always go when in need.

The arrangements with the Border Counties have worked satisfactorily, and I think it can be reported again that the scheme is working very well.

A County Ambulance Transport Committee meets quarterly and includes representatives of the County Council, the Regional Hospital Board, and co-opted representatives of other interested bodies.

Radio Telephone equipment was installed in all ambulances and has been operationally used from 1st October, 1967. Within the limits imposed by the range of the one mast at Ysgwydd-Hwch reception has been found to be good after initial technical difficulty. Radio watch is maintained at the Health Department during office hours.

Five portable oxygenaire baby incubators have been provided for use throughout the County for the transport of premature babies. One of these incubators is sited at Brecon Hospital and is available constantly for use by the Hospital staff in transferring premature babies from one hospital to another, or by the domiciliary midwives in taking such infants into hospital.

Ambulance Station Telephone Numbers.—Table IX appended to this report gives the telephone Numbers of Ambulance Stations serving the County. These numbers are not necessarily the same as those exhibited in Telephone Exchanges to which all emergency calls are directed. For instance, the '999' emergency calls for Brynmawr are relayed to Caerleon 283. A local arrangement exists whereby calls directed to Monmouthshire are immediately referred to Brynmawr station or, if need be, the calls are answered by Monmouthshire.

Sitting Car Service.

This service is running quite efficiently and works as follows:—

Each medical practitioner, midwife, hospital matron, etc., is supplied with voucher books authorising journeys to be made by private car at the expense of the local health authority in all cases where by reason of physical or mental defect the patient is unable to travel by public conveyance, and the starting point is situated within the County. The charges permitted are agreed by the local health authority, who advertise for tenders from car proprietors who are willing to undertake the conveyance of patients. For this purpose the County is divided into 13 areas which are covered by 10 contractors. The following table shows the contractors and the parishes covered since 1/4 /67. The contract for conveyance of sitting patients is for a period of three years. The present contracts will thus remain in operation until 31st March 1970. At Ystradgynlais, sitting patients are conveyed by the ambulance since whole time personnel are employed. Penderyn, although not covered by an official contractor, presents no difficulties, much of the work being done by the bordering authority on our behalf, and cases are also conveyed by local garage proprietors.

Area No.	Contractor	Districts.
1.	T. J. Brown & Sons 1 George Street, Brynmawr. Tel. Brynmawr 238	Brynmawr, Darenfelen and Clydach.
2.	J. L. Williams, Crescent Garage, Cwmdû. Tel. Bwlch 289	Llangynidr, Bwlch and Cwmdû.
3.	J. L. Williams, Crescent Garage, Cwmdû. Tel. Bwlch 289	Crickhowell, Gilwern, Gwynefawr, Grwynefechan, Llanbedr. Llangattock, Llangenny, and Partrishow.
4.	Brecon Motors Ltd., 41 Watton, Brecon. Tel Brecon 2610	The Borough of Brecon and Parishes of Merthyr Cynog, Llanddew, Llandefaelogfach, Battle, Aberyscir, Vennyfach, Llanspyddid, St. David Without, Glyn, Modrydd Cantref, Llanfrynach, Llanhamlach, Llanwern. Llansantffraed, Llanfihangel Talyllyn Llangasty Talyllyn, Cathedine, Llangorse, Llanfillo, and Llanfigan (excepting Torpantau) and Llanddetty (excepting Pontsticill and Dolygaer).
5.	T. C. Davies, Drug Stores, Sennybridge Tel. Sennybridge 447	Parishes of Llandeilo'r Fan, Llanfihangel Nantbran, Trallong, Ysclydach, Traianmawr, Traianglas, Cray, Senny, Maescar and Penpont.
6.	R. Morris, 5 Llewelyn Street Merthyr Tydfil, Tel. Merthyr Tydfil 2839	Patients can only be conveyed from:— Parishes of Vaynor plus Pontsticill, Dolygaer and Torpantau and those houses and farms situated near the Brecon—Merthyr Road although these are actually in the Parish of Penderyn.
7.	No Contractor Hand to nearest Car Proprietor willing to undertake journey.	Patients can only be conveyed from:— Parish of Penderyn excepting those houses and farms situated near the Brecon—Merthyr Road (see Area 6) plus Hepste portion of the Brecon R.D.C. which comes in between Penderyn and Ystradfellte Parishes and also the Breconshire portion of Hirwaun and Parish of Ystradfellte.
8.	W. R. Powell, The Garage, Llanwrytd Wells Tel. Llanwrytd Wells 259.	Urban District of Llanwrytd and Parishes of Llanwrytd Without, Llandulas, Penbualt, Gwarafof, Llanfanfawr, Llanlleonfell, Llanafanfechan, Llanfihangel Abergwessin and Llandewi Abergwessin and Treflis

Area No.	Contractor.	Districts
9.	C. K. Andrews, .. (Builth Wells) Ltd. Builth Motor Garage, Builth Wells. Tel. Builth Wells 2218	Urban District of Builth and Parishes of Rhosferig, Llanganten, Llanynis, Maesmynis Llangynog, Llandewi'r Cwm and Alltawr.
10.	C. K. Andrews, .. (Builth Wells) Ltd. Builth Motor Garage, Builth Wells. Tel. Builth Wells 2218	Llanwrthwl, Llysdinam (Breconshire) and Llanfihangel Brynpabuan.
11.	H. V. Webb & Sons. .. Lion Garage, Lion Street, Hay-on-Wye, Tel. Hay-on-Wye 619.	Urban District of Hay and Parishes of Hay Rural. Llanigon and Tregoyd and Velindre.
12.	H. V. Sandy, .. New Inn, Talgarth Tel. Talgarth 220	Talgarth, Llanellieu, Llandefalle (Southern Half), Bronllys, Aberllynfi and Pipton.
13.	H. V. Sandy, .. New Inn, Talgarth Tel. Talgarth 220	Llyswen, Gwenddwr, Crickadarn, Llande- falle (Northern Half).

It is pointed out that no tenders were invited and, therefore, no contracts entered into in respect of the Ystradgynlais District, in view of the fact that this district is at present adequately covered by the County Council's ambulances operating in the district. From time to time use is made of Local Garages to supplement this service if demands are too heavy.

The Ambulance Service in Breconshire has no 24-hour central control but on the whole the service operates very smoothly indeed, in spite of this. Much consideration has been given to the question of central control and the question has also been subjected to considerable investigation by the officers of the Welsh Board of Health and the Ministry of Health with the conclusion that a compromise has been arranged whereby a 24 hour service is guaranteed by the garages, and the County Health Department can act as central control during office hours. Calls for sitting cars during the day are normally made from hospitals outside the County to the County Health Department or to one of the ambulance stations. Requests from doctors within the County are made direct to the various contractors

The limit of 40 miles, over which it is necessary to obtain prior approval from the County Medical Officer, continues to be imposed and has enabled the local health authority to combine a considerable number of journeys thereby reducing the cost accordingly.

The inconvenience and remote situation of many dwellings must have a direct bearing on the demand for transport under this scheme and although general practitioners are being constantly informed of this, it is inevitable that it must tend to increase the demand.

There does not appear to be any deliberate abuse of the scheme, which the local health authority supervises very carefully

Figures of the ambulance and sitting-car services during 1969 are given below:—

Ambulance Service.

Ambulance Station	Number of Journ'ys	Patients Carried		Total Patients Carried	Total Miles Tr'v'll'd	Patients conveyed as Accident or Emergency Cases
		Str'tchr	Sitting			
Brecon ...	440	505	31	536	13455	70
Brynmawr ...	432	434	174	608	7291	35
Builth ...	275	276	20	296	10271	13
Cwmdu ...	250	271	2	273	6828	38
Llyswen ...	264	271	68	339	14694	66
Ystrad'lais ...	1065	400	5065	5465	44342	137
Totals ...	2726	2157	5360	7517	96881	359
1968 ...	2651	2091	5842	7938	104351	362
1967 ...	2622	2154	7116	9270	96882	389
1966 ...	2503	1919	6693	8612	94730	349
1965 ...	2690	1990	7747	9737	100028	373
1964 ...	2749	2071	7900	9971	104932	438
1963 ...	2714	2011	8084	10095	103117	458
1962 ...	2606	1974	7251	9225	96140	399
1961 ...	2573	1935	6233	8168	93123	381
1960 ...	2412	1935	7175	9110	96760	300

Sitting Car Service--1969

Month		Journeys.	Patients.	Mileage
January	..	904	2377	28862
February	..	717	1831	24674
March	..	874	2275	28244
April	..	809	2151	26671
May	..	801	2140	25600
June	.	763	2029	24294
July	..	850	2146	29429
August	.	665	1625	24451
September	..	724	1787	25317
October	..	827	2179	30497
November	..	734	1925	27896
December	..	615	1599	22454
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		9283	24064	318389
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Comparative Figures for previous years.

Year		Journeys.	Patients.	Mileage
1968	..	9642	24976	328915
1967	..	9778	24571	333151
1966	..	8347	20444	285841
1965	.	3623	21279	276996
1964	..	8155	19869	265765
1963	..	7463	18499	240649
1962	..	7430	17467	236712
1961	..	7399	17257	229208
1960	..	6702	14188	195278
1959	..	5841	12316	182272

Section 28.—Prevention of Illness, Care and After-Care.

Under this heading comes the after-care of patients suffering from tuberculosis, mental illness or defectiveness, all types of illnesses, the provision of equipment and apparatus (medical comforts) required for nursing the patients in the homes, and accommodation in recuperation homes. The local health authority is responsible for the provision of extra nourishment and clothes for the patient and his family, except in the case of patients who are in receipt of National Assistance, when these items would be the responsibility of the National Assistance Board. Provision of out-door shelters, special beds and bedding, and other nursing requisites, etc., is the concern of the local

health authority, and applications for any of these services are dealt with after furnishing particulars of all members of the family, income, etc. When assistance is given, it is either free of charge or on whole or part payment by the patient. The amount of payment to be made by the patient is assessed on an income scale adopted by the local health authority and approved by the Ministry of Health.

Such items as wheel-chairs and crutches are provided by the County Council if the need is a temporary one, but if the necessity is likely to be permanent then the responsibility for the provision of the articles rests with the Regional Hospital Board, such items being supplied through the Ministry of Pensions. Any applications of this nature are forwarded by this Department to the appropriate Hospital Management Committee requesting them to deal with the case.

Nursing requisities and aids are provided free in all cases

During the year the Local Health Authority were responsible for the adaptation of a patient's home for the installation of an Artificial Kidney Machine. The apparatus itself is provided by the Regional Hospital Board.

(1) **Tuberculosis**—The treatment of Tuberculosis in the County is carried on by the Welsh Hospital Board (Tuberculosis Division). Table V (appended) shows the number of cases notified on Form 'A' during the year.

Where necessary, the local health authority will provide tuberculosis patients with shelters on loan, and extra nourishment can be provided by the local health authority for them. The health visitors visit households in which there are tuberculosis patients and offer advice as to contacts and preventive measures which should be taken by them. Cases of bad housing conditions are referred to the local housing authorities.

The local health authority, with the Welsh Hospital Board, arrange for the joint appointment of medical officers who are employed in connection with the local health authority's services in relation to the prevention of illness, care and after-care of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

The Domestic Help Scheme under Section 29 also plays its part in the prevention of illness, care and after-care of these cases.

The Time Tables of the Tuberculosis Chest Physicians are as follows:—

Name and Address of Chest Clinic	Days of Attendance.	Times.
<u>1. Dr. D. Ivor Williams, 2 Bulwark, Brecon—Telephone 2954.</u>		
Brecon	.. Fridays	.. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Clinic New and Old patients by appointment.
Builth Hospital Builth Wells	.. Mondays	.. 10.30 a.m.—Clinic and Consultations.
The Hospital Llandrindod	.. Mondays	.. 2 p.m. — Clinic and Consultations.
Ystradgynlais at Adelina Patti Hospital	.. Thursdays	.. 2 p.m.—New and Old Cases.
<u>2 Dr. L. Erin, 'Hawthorns', Courtland Terrace, Merthyr Tydfil,</u>		
<u>Telephone 2829.</u>		
For Cefn, Vaynor and Pontsticill Patients.		
Courtland Terrace Merthyr Tydfil	.. Tuesdays	.. 2 p.m.—New and Old Cases by Appoint- ment.
	Wednesdays	.. 9.30 a.m. — Children and Contacts.
	Wednesdays	.. 2 p.m.—New and Old Cases by Appoint- ment.
For Penderyn and Hirwaun Patients.		
General Hospital Aberdare	.. Mondays	.. 9.30 a.m. — New and old patients by appointment.
	Thursdays	.. 2 p.m.—Old Cases by appointment.
<u>3 Dr. P. Owen-Lloyd, 'Clairwood', 2, Lower Cimla Road, Neath.</u>		
<u>Telephone: Neath 3278.</u>		
(For Pontneathvaughan)		
'Clairwood' 2, Lower Cymla Rd. Neath.	.. Mondays	.. 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Old Patients (By appointment only). 2 p.m.—Contact Clinic
	Wednesdays	.. 9.30—New Cases (By appointment only).
	Tuesdays	.. Static Mass Radio- graphy Sessions. 10 a.m. to 12 noon— females. 2 p.m.—4 p.m.—Males

Name and Address. of Chest Clinic.	Day of Attendance	Times.
4. Dr. S. Keidan Chest and Allergy Department, Nevill Hall Hospital Abergavenny. Telephone: Abergavenny 2091.		

Patients previously attending: Abergavenny, Ebbw Vale, Blaina, Monmouth and Tredegar clinics will in future be under the care of Dr. S. Keidan at Nevill Hall Hospital, Abergavenny.

Patients will be seen by appointment only.

B. C. G. Vaccination.

The Chest Physicians undertaking duties in Breconshire still undertake the work of B.C.G. Vaccination in the County Areas under their control in respect of contact cases.

The number of cases vaccinated is shown for each year for the last 10 years.

	By Chest Physicians. (mainly contacts).	By Medical Officers of County Council.
1960	...	88
1961	...	887
1962	...	884
1963	...	518
1964	...	324
1965	...	509
1966	...	615
1967	...	402
1968	...	632
1969	...	155
	...	13
		482

The Council's Scheme for B.C.G. Vaccination was approved by the Ministry in March, 1954, and since this date the Authority's Medical Officers have been skin testing and vaccinating school children between their thirteenth and fourteenth birthdays.

In 1959, proposals were submitted by the County Council to the Ministry for the extension of this scheme, to include the skin testing and vaccination or re-vaccination if necessary, of all children over the age of 13 years in school. This scheme was later approved by the Ministry during that year, and was brought into operation in 1960.

T.B. Serial Testing in Schools.

In addition to the above scheme a further scheme for annual skin testing and the X'Raying of any positive reactors was introduced for all school children.

Annual tuberculin testing of all school children provides accurate and reliable information regarding the number of children infected from natural sources during any period of twelve months.

The annual conversion rate of non-reactor children still serves as a reliable index of the prevailing risk of infection in the community. When the conversion rate is found to be abnormally high in any class, school or district it indicates that viable tubercule bacilli are being disseminated freely and that intensive case finding investigations should be applied including possibly the mass radiography service.

Contacts in the home or at school would be traced and thus prevent the further spread of the disease.

It is hoped, therefore, that by this method we will be able to detect the sources of infection which otherwise would not have been discovered until later.

Details of the work carried out in 1969 are given in the following four tables.

A.—B.C.G. Vaccination—Children aged 13 and over.

						Results		
SCHOOLS	No. given skin test	Results		No. given B. C. G. Vacc	No. re-skin tested.	No. converted to positive	No not converted	Given further B.C.C. Vacc.
		Positive	Negative					
Brynmawr Comprehensive (Girls) ...	72	...	72	72	33	31	2	2
Builth Comprehensive (Boys and Girls) ...	88	2	86	86	73	64	9	9
St. David's Convent ...	26	3	23	23	40	33	7	7
Christ College ...	63	1	62	62	81	63	18	18
Brecon Boys County Grammar ...	50	2	48	48	79	69	10	10
Brynmawr Comprehensive (Boys) ...	37	1	36	34	21	21	...	...
Tymawr School ...	27	13	14	14	...	...	...	...
Brecon Girls County Grammar ...	75	15	60	60	75	63	12	12
Vaynor and Penderyn Comprehensive ...	84	1	83	83	30	28	2	2
Totals ..	522	38	484	482	432	372	60	60

B.—T.B. Serial Testing— Other children attending School, who are under 13 years of age.

SCHOOL	Number given Skin Tests.	Results		Number re. skin tested.	Results.		
		Positive.	Negative.		Natural Positive.	B.C.G. Positive.	Negative.
Crickhowell V.P.	46	2	44	93	1	9	83
Llangammarch C.P.	7	—	7	9	—	—	9
Llwynmadoc C.P.	9	—	9	21	—	—	21
Talgarth C.P. Infts.	33	1	32	27	—	6	21
Glasbury V.P.	10	—	10	20	—	1	19
Llanfaes C.P. Infts.	46	—	46	86	2	9	75
Llanfaes C.P. Mxd.	5	—	5	122	3	8	111
Brynmawr V.P. Infts.	28	—	28	39	2	—	37
Brynmawr V.P. Mxd.	1	—	1	82	3	1	78
Brynmawr C.P. Infts.	47	1	46	58	—	1	57
Brynmawr C.P. Mxd.	13	—	13	150	—	8	142
Builth C.P.	29	—	29	140	3	3	134
Abercrave C.P.	8	—	8	64	1	6	57
Brynmawr Comp. (Girls)	1	—	1	49	1	2	46
Llandefalle V.P.	9	—	9	21	—	2	19
Tirabad C.P.	3	—	3	12	—	1	11
Llyswen V.P.	4	—	4	12	—	—	12
Cynlais C.P. Mxd.	—	—	—	64	—	6	58
Cynlais C.P. Infts.	33	—	33	34	—	3	31
Builth Comp.	6	—	6	59	2	2	55
Glanrhyd C.P.	18	—	18	84	1	4	79
Cwmtwrch C.P. Mxd.	1	—	1	31	—	1	30
Cwmtwrch C.P. Infts.	14	—	14	18	—	1	17
Ysgol Thomas Stephens	7	—	7	50	2	7	41
Ystradfellte C.P.	5	—	5	16	1	2	13
St. David's Convent	24	1	23	56	2	6	48
St. Joseph's Primary	12	—	12	25	—	3	22
Christ College	20	—	20	5	—	1	4
Penderyn C.P.	30	2	28	100	1	6	93
Mount Street C.P. Junior	23	1	22	156	—	12	144
Mount Street C.P. Infts.	82	—	82	86	—	4	82
Glyntawe C.P.	3	—	3	13	1	—	12
Penycae C.P.	9	—	9	34	—	1	33
Yniscedwyn Welsh	26	—	26	77	—	5	72
Penrhos C.P. Junior	—	—	—	68	—	8	60
Penrhos C.P. Infts.	30	—	30	25	—	2	23
Gurnos C.P. Junior	1	—	1	60	1	5	54
Gurnos C.P. Infts.	31	—	31	17	1	5	11
Hay C.P. Junior	2	—	2	36	—	3	33
Hay C.P. Infts.	19	—	19	19	—	2	17
Hay V.P. Junior	—	—	—	13	—	1	12
Hay V.P. Infts.	6	1	5	7	—	1	6
Cefn C.P. Mxd.	8	—	8	162	—	3	159
Cradoc C.P.	19	1	18	31	—	—	31
Caehopkin C.P.	10	1	9	39	—	4	35
Colbren C.P.	8	—	8	32	—	—	32
Llanwrtyd C.P.	8	—	8	30	—	3	27
Darenfelen C.P. Infts.	16	—	16	16	—	—	16
Darenfelen C.P. Junior	2	—	2	39	—	—	39

T.B. Serial Testing—Cont.

SCHOOL	Number given Skin Tests.	Results.		Number re. skin tested.	Results.		
		Positive.	Negative.		Natural Positive.	B.C.G. Positive.	Negative.
Brynmawr R.C. ...	19	1	18	28	1	—	27
Brecon Boys Grammar ...	—	—	—	70	—	7	63
Brynmawr Comp. (Boys) ...	1	—	1	92	4	1	87
Cefn C.P. Infts. ...	85	1	84	35	—	—	35
Llan. Talyllyn V.P. ...	4	—	4	5	—	—	5
Llangorse V.P. ...	18	—	18	23	2	—	21
Cathedine V.P. ...	5	—	5	16	—	—	16
Llangynidr V.P. ...	16	1	15	33	—	7	26
Trecastle C.P. ...	14	—	14	16	—	—	16
Cray C.P. ...	5	—	5	20	—	2	18
Llanigon V.P. ...	5	—	5	12	1	—	11
Velindre V.P. ...	9	—	9	18	—	2	16
Bronllys V.P. ...	11	—	11	22	—	7	15
Sennybridge C.P. ...	37	1	36	65	—	1	64
Llan-nant Bran V.P. ...	1	—	1	13	—	—	13
Llanwrthwl V.P. ...	3	—	3	5	—	—	5
Elan Village V.P. ...	3	—	3	15	—	—	15
Postern V.P. ...	17	1	16	37	—	—	37
Llanspyddid C.P. ...	6	—	6	28	—	2	26
Brecon Girls Grammar ...	4	—	4	106	7	12	87
Vaynor and Penderyn Comp. ...	6	—	6	89	3	9	77
Totals ...	1041	16	1025	3255	46	208	3001

C.—CHEST X-RAYS

(In connection with B.G.G. Vaccination).

School.	No. Done	No. Satis- factory.	No. Unsatis- factory
Builth Comprehensive Boys and Girls ...	2	2	—
St. David's Convent ...	3	3	—
Christ College ...	1	1	—
Brecon Boys County Grammar ...	2	2	—
Brynmaur Comprehensive Boys ...	1	1	—
Tymawr School ...	10	10	—
Brecon Girls County Grammar ...	13	13	—
Vaynor and Penderyn ...	1	—	1 Bronchi- ectasis

D.—CHEST X-RAYS

(In connection with T.B. Serial Testing).

School.	No. Done	No. Satis- factory.	No. Unsatis- factory.
Crickhowell V.P. ...	3	3	—
Talgarth C.P. Infts. ...	1	1	—
Llanfaes C.P. Infts. ...	2	2	—
Llanfaes C.P. Mxd. ...	3	3	—
Brynmaur V.P. Infts. ...	2	2	—
Brynmaur V.P. Mxd. ...	3	3	—
Brynmaur C.P. Infts. ...	1	1	—
Builth C.P. ...	3	3	—
Abercrave C.P. ...	1	1	—
Brynmaur Comp. (Girls) ...	1	1	—
Builth Comp. ...	2	2	—
Glanrhyd C.P. ...	1	1	—
Ysgol Thomas Stephens ...	2	2	—
Ystradfellte C.P. ...	1	1	—
St. David's Convent ...	3	3	—
Penderyn C.P. ...	3	3	—
Mount Street C.P. Junior ...	1	1	—
Glyntawe C.P. ...	1	1	—
Gurnos C.P. Junior ...	1	1	—
Gurnos C.P. Infts. ...	1	1	—
Hay V.P. Infts. ...	1	1	—
Cradoe C.P. ...	1	1	—
Caehopkin C.P. ...	1	1	—
Brynmaur R.C. ...	2	2	—
Brynmaur Comp. (Boys) ...	4	4	—
Cefn C.P. Infts. ...	1	1	—
Llangynidr V.P. ...	1	1	—
Llanigon V.P. ...	1	1	—
Sennybridge C.P. ...	1	1	—
Postern V.P. ...	1	1	—
Brecon Girls Grammar ...	7	7	—
Vaynor and Penderyn Comp. ...	3	3	—

(2) Illness Generally—

Arrangements exist for the follow-up of all cases discharged from hospital and work in the after-care of patients is closely linked with Domestic Help and Home Nursing Services.

Nursing equipment and apparatus are loaned to patients direct by the local health authority free of charge.

Items are also loaned by the St. John Ambulance Association and British Red Cross Society. The local health authority assists voluntary agencies by providing suitable premises for storage where possible, by grants, and also by the provision of equipment.

In Crickhowell, Llanwrtyd and Gilwern, the British Red Cross Society have set up Comforts Depots, for which we have purchased the equipment. In Crickhowell, the County Council provided the storage facilities at the Market Hall.

During the year no persons were provided with convalescent accommodation either free or for a small charge based on the Council's scale of charges.

In addition to the above known applications, the nurses have for their own use such items as air rings and rubber sheeting which are loaned to patients.

Orthopaedic Work.

The treatment of orthopaedic cases is undertaken by the Authority, and the services of Mr. E. R. Treasure, F.R.C.S., Orthopaedic Specialist, St. Tydfil's Hospital, Merthyr, are available by arrangement with the Welsh Hospital Board.

The Local Health Authority employed an Orthopaedic Nurse, Mrs. J. Jones, who pays domiciliary visits as and when necessary. She also held frequent fixed clinics throughout the County.

Mrs. Jones assisted at Mr. Treasure's clinic in Brecon Hospital, for which service the Welsh Hospital Board paid to the Local Health Authority an agreed sessional fee.

The fixed clinics held for orthopaedic treatment are as follows:—

The Clinic, Bailey Street, Brynmaur	..	Each Monday, with the exception of the 4th Monday of the month.
The Clinic, Park Road, Builth Wells	..	4th Monday of each month. a.m.
The Surgery, Talgarth	..	1st Tuesday of each month, p.m.
The Clinic, Ystradgynlais	..	Each Wednesday. p.m.
The Clinic. Ysgol-y-Graig Cefn Coed	..	1st Thursday of each month. p.m.
The Clinic, Oxford Road Hay-on-Wye	..	4th Thursday of each month. a.m.
The Clinic, Crickhowell	..	3rd Thursday of each month. p.m.
The Watton Offices, Brecon	..	Each Friday. p.m.

As requested by the Department, Mr. E. R. Treasure, held Consultation Clinics at Brecon Health Department Clinic on the dates shown below. Details of numbers seen are given.

BRECON SPECIALIST CLINIC

Dates—	18.3.69	3.6.69	16.9.69
Number called for Examination	.. 2	4	1
Number attended	.. 2	4	1
No treatment required	.. 2	—	—
To attend clinics	.. —	4	1
To be seen again by Specialist	.. —	—	1
Required Hospital Treatment	.. —	—	—

Chiropody Service.

The County Council's Chiropody Service, which started in April, 1960, still continues to function very satisfactorily, although demands made on the service are still increasing. It is a service which is growing and which, of course, is a great help to the elderly.

The categories of patients catered for remain unchanged and are:—

- (i) The elderly.
- (ii) The physically handicapped.
- (iii) Expectant mothers.
- (iv) Other patients at discretion of County Medical Officer.

In view of the ever increasing demands made upon the service by these categories alone it is still impossible to extend the scheme beyond these at present.

All Chiropodists were assisted by teams of volunteers drawn from the British Red Cross, St. John Ambulance Association, Old Age Pensioners Association and the W.V.S.

The Cefn Coed Clinic is run under supervision of Mrs. P. A. Bush acting as a private individual unattached to any voluntary agency. She is now however, assisted by helpers from the Old Age Pensioners Association.

There is no doubt that the efficiency of the scheme owes much to the valuable services rendered by these good ladies and it is once again recorded that we deeply appreciate this work undertaken by them.

Since 1966 the Authority employed one full time chiropodist covering the major part of the County, and one sessional worker in Ystradgynlais, Abercrave and Cwmtwrch and another sessional worker for Brecon, Gilwern, Crickhowell and Cefn Coed, giving a whole equivalent of approximately 2 chiropodists.

At the end of the year Clinics were being held at the following places and at the times shown:—

Clinics held by—

Mrs. M. Llewelyn	Ystradgynlais	2nd and 4th Thursdays, p.m. 1st and 3rd Fridays, p.m.
	Abercrave	1st and 3rd Tuesdays, p.m.
	Cwmtwrch	2nd and 4th Tuesdays, p.m. 1st Wednesday, p.m.

Clinics held by—

Mr. C. G. Morrish	Colbren	2nd and 4th Mondays, p.m.
	Builth Wells	1st Wednesday, a.m. and p.m. 2nd Tuesday, a.m. and p.m. 3rd Wednesday, a.m. and p.m. 5th Tuesday, a.m.
	Brynmaur	1st and 3rd Tuesdays, a.m. and p.m.
	Hay	2nd and 4th Wednesdays am and pm 4th Tuesday. a.m.
	Talgarth	4th Friday, a.m. and p.m.
	Darenfelin	1st and 3rd Thursdays, p.m.
	Pontneath- vaughan	2nd Monday, a.m.

Clinics held by—

Mrs. D. Jones	Brecon	Every Friday, a.m. and p.m. (except 3rd Friday of month) 1st and 5th Tuesdays, p.m. 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays p.m.
	Cefn Coed	1st and 4th Wednesdays am and pm 2nd Tuesday a.m. and p.m.
	Crosfield House Bwlch	2nd Wednesday, a.m.
	Crickhowell	1st Monday, a.m. and p.m. 4th Tuesday, a.m. and p.m. 5th Monday, a.m. and p.m.
	Gilwern	3rd Monday, a.m. and p.m.

Attendance is still by appointment only.

The chiropodists also visited house-bound patients to give treatment and the extent of such treatment insofar as the numbers treated and number of visits will be seen in the Table X.

It has previously been stated that at some future date clinics will be extended to Llanwrtyd Wells and Sennybridge. When clinic premises are erected in these places it is hoped to put the extension plan into operation.

The method of obtaining treatment is still the same as hitherto and patients can either ask for an appointment direct from the local volunteers running the clinic in their area, or write to the County Medical Officer.

Transport of patients to the Chiropody Clinics can be undertaken under Section 27 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, if the patient is unable to attend by means of alternative public transport. Alternatively, when a patient is conveyed to the clinic by the voluntary agency, using a member's car, such member can be paid at the rate of 6d per mile. Authorisation by the patient's doctor, however, is required before transport can be provided either by the Ambulance Authority or the Voluntary agency.

All Chiropodists employed were qualified and satisfy one or other of the qualifications stated in Section 3 of the National Health Service (Medical Auxiliaries) Regulations, 1954 (Statutory Instrument No. 55, 1954), and the Local Health Authority has been most careful in seeing that the requirements of these Regulations have been fully met.

Elderly and handicapped patients have treatment free of charge: expectant mothers and other patients pay 2/6d. per treatment.

During the year the following work was undertaken:—

Clinic Sessions.

Clinic Sessions held		.. 643			
	Elderly	Physically Handi- capped	Expectant Mothers	Others	Total
Number of patients treated ..	1364	25	—	15	1404
Number of attendances made by these patients ..	3738	39	—	27	4963

Domiciliary Visits.

Number of patients visited ..	245
Number of visits paid to these patients ..	1119

Table X, appended to this report gives further information of patients treated at Clinics and domiciliary visits shown in their respective areas.

VENEREAL DISEASES—

The authority's health visitors are available for the visiting of these cases to encourage them to keep up their attendance at special clinics and continue with the prescribed treatment.

Free posters are issued for display at Clinics and elsewhere

Apart from any assistance as above, treatment of V.D. is provided by the Regional Hospital Board. There are no treatment centres in the County and patients attend at Swansea Mount Pleasant Hospital, Hereford County Hospital, Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Moira Terrace, Cardiff, Merthyr Tydfil, and V.D. Clinic, 1, Belmont, Shrewsbury.

CANCER—

There were 110 deaths from cancer in 1969. This gives a death rate of 2 per 1,000 population as compared with 114 and a death rate of 2.1 in 1968. Of these deaths 29 were cases of lung cancer

Deaths from Cancer accounted for 14.4% of all the deaths, and the Deaths from lung cancer were 26.3% of the total cancer deaths.

Figures of deaths from cancer, and the rate per 1,000 population over the last ten years are given below:—

Year	Deaths	Rate per 1000 population.
1968	114	2.1
1967	89	1.64
1966	99	1.81
1965	104	1.90
1964	104	1.91
1963	120	2.20
1962	112	2.05
1961	122	2.20
1960	91	1.64
1959	93	1.66
1958	116	2.07

CERVICAL CYTOLOGY—

Cervical Cytology clinics are operated directly by the County Council Medical Staff.

Dr. M. W. Evans, Assistant Medical Officer, attends the cytology clinics and has done so since they were commenced in September 1967. The medical examination includes:

- (a) a cervical or neck of the womb smear for early detection of cancer coupled with a full pelvic examination.
- (b) examination of breasts.
- (c) at the request of the family doctors, and if time permits, an examination of the patient's urine.

Attendance is by appointment only, and approximately 10 examinations are undertaken each session.

The following table shows the name and number of clinics held and the number of patients seen. No positive reports were received during the year.

Clinic.		No. of Women attended.	No. of Re Exams.	Results.		
				Pos.	Neg.	Repeat
Ystradgynlais	...	44	6	—	45	5
Cefn Coed	...	22	6	—	16	12
Brynmaur	...	34	4	—	36	2
Hay-on-Wye	...	8	2	—	8	2
Crickhowell	...	8	—	—	8	—
Brecon	...	13	8	—	19	2
Builth Wells	...	2	—	—	2	—
Totals		131	26	—	134	23

Section 29.—DOMESTIC HELP—

This scheme under Section 29 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, continues to work quite well throughout the County. The difficulty previously encountered owing to the lack of domestic helps has almost disappeared, and difficulty is now only experienced in the odd case where domestic helps are unwilling to accept the case.

Domestic Helps are registered with the authority and then engaged on a case basis as required.

On the 31st December 1969, the number of domestic helps employed by the Authority was:—

(a) Whole-time Domestic Helps	...	Nil
(b) Part-time Domestic Helps	...	209
(c) Whole-time equivalent of those shown in (b).	...	58

The number of cases where Domestic Help was provided during the year, together with yearly figures since 1966 for comparison, is given below:—

	1969	1968	1967	1966
Maternity	6	2	4	5
Chronic Sick and Tuberculosis	45	50	42	40
Mentally disordered	2	2	2	1
Others	20	24	22	15
Cases over 65 years.	414	402	380	358
Total	487	480	450	419

Mrs. F. J. McLean supervises the domestic helps by frequent visits to patients' homes. There is now a closer liaison between the domestic helps, the patients and the Department since the appointment of the Domestic Help Supervisor and irregularities, however slight, are investigated by the Supervisor immediately.

Holiday Scheme for Domestic Helps.

In 1963 the Breconshire County Council introduced a holiday scheme for domestic helps based on the number of hours worked and the continuity of each domestic help's service during the previous year.

The minimum payment to be made to any domestic help in lieu of holidays is for five hours.

The cost of this scheme to the County Council for each of the last three years was:— 1967, £981; 1968, £1,026; 1969, £1,032.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

Mental Health Act, 1959.

The Mental Health Act, 1959, came into operation during 1960. All previous legislation relating to mental illness and mental deficiency and contained in the Lunacy and Mental Treatment Acts, 1890-1930 and the Mental Deficiency Acts, 1913-38 was repealed in the new Act.

The Mental Health Act, 1959, made provision with respect to the treatment and care of mentally disordered persons and with respect to their property and affairs. The emphasis throughout this Act is on treatment and not custody. Every effort will be made to encourage patients to seek treatment informally and without compulsion. A mentally disordered person can now enter any Mental Hospital or General Hospital for observation without any formality or certification whatsoever.

Types of Mentally Disordered Persons.

- (a) **Mentally Ill.**
- (b) **Psychopathic Personality.**
- (c) **Severely Subnormal Personality.**
- (d) **Subnormal Personality.**

The magistrate no longer has any part in the compulsory admission of patients to hospital. This lays stress on medical as opposed to the administrative outlook on mental disorder. The compulsory admission for observation or treatment will now be on the recommendation of two doctors. One doctor must have special psychiatric experience, and the other doctor if possible should be the patient's general medical practitioner.

Adequate safeguards against unnecessary detention are provided by the establishment of Mental Health Review Tribunals. One Tribunal is formed for each area for which there is a Regional Hospital Board to consider applications from patients already in mental hospitals for their release from hospital.

The Local Health Authority is responsible for the community care of all mentally disordered persons not in hospital.

Local Authority Services

Under Section 28 of the National Health Service Act.

(a) The provision, equipment and maintenance of residential accommodation and the care of persons resident in such accommodation.

(b) The provision of centres for training or occupation and the equipment and maintenance of such centres.

(c) The appointment of officers to act as Mental Welfare Officers.

(d) To supervise persons placed under Guardianship.

(e) The provision of a home training service.

(f) The provision of day centres.

(g) The provision of social clubs.

(h) The provision of a Home Visiting Service.

Under Education Act. 1944.

The ascertainment of children unsuitable for education in school

ORGANISATION AND STAFF OF THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

(A) The following is, in outline, a description of the existing organisation and staff arrangements:—

(1) Mental Health Sub-Committee.

The Local Health Authority has appointed a Mental Health Services Sub-Committee which is a sub-committee of the Local Health Committee.

(2) Officers responsible for organisation and control.

The County Medical Officer, Dr. R. G. Evans advises the authority on mental health matters. The County Medical Officer undertakes the overall organisation and control of the services and the direction of all mental health workers carrying out the function of the local health authority.

The ascertainment of subnormal or severely subnormal personality is undertaken by the County Medical Officer, and Dr. M. W. Evans, assistant M.O.H. who are approved by the Breconshire L.E.A. for the ascertainment of children who are unsuitable for education at school.

The psychiatrists of the Welsh Hospital Board co-operate to the fullest extent and borderline or controversial cases are referred to them for opinion. In this connection Dr. G. Diggle, Medical Superintendent of the Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth, gives every possible help.

Under the new catchment area the consultant Psychiatrist for Breconshire is now Dr. T. S. Davies of Llanfrechfa Grange Cwmbran.

Early in 1966 the Welsh Hospital Board re-organised the catchment areas for Hospitals for subnormal patients with the result that Breconshire's patients are no longer admitted to North Wales or even Mid-Wales Hospitals. Future admissions will be to Llanfrechfa Grange Hospital, Cwmbran. Dr. T. S. Davies, the Physician Superintendent of this hospital has extended to us his fullest co-operation for which we are most grateful.

During the year cases were also referred to Mr. J. McDonald Child Psychiatrist, at Swansea, and to Dr. Gaynor N. Lacey, Consultant Psychiatrist to Merthyr Tydfil Education Committee for assessment.

(3) Administrative and Clerical Staff.

Two part-time officers assist the County Medical Officer in the administration of the Mental Health Services.

(4) Psychiatric Social Worker.

One Psychiatric Social Worker is employed by the Welsh Border Hospital Management Committee (Regional Hospital Board) jointly with the County Councils of Breconshire and Radnorshire. Breconshire contributes 25% of the cost of this service.

(5) Mental Welfare Officers.

Mental Welfare Officers.— Six give part-time service only, as they are also Welfare Officers and Registrars of Births and Deaths. They work in the following five areas:—

- (a) Brecon and Sennybridge — Mr. H. G. Edwards.
- (b) Brynmawr and Crickhowell — Mr. T. V. Rees.
- (c) Builth, Hay and Talgarth — Mr. David J. Davies.
- (d) Ystradgynlais — Mr. W. T. Davies.
- (e) Vaynor and Penderyn — Mrs. M. M. R. England.
- (f) Whole County (Relief) — Mr. R. I. Jones.

A system of relief has been devised to ensure that a Mental Welfare Officer is always available for any district. Each Mental Welfare Officer relieves his or her neighbouring colleague, and as a further safeguard, Mr. R. I. Jones, Chief Clerk in the Public Health Department, has been appointed and approved as Relief Mental Welfare Officer.

Table XI appended to this report shows names, addresses and telephone numbers of the Mental Welfare Officers; giving their normal areas served together with the areas they each relieve.

Although these officers only give part-time services in the Mental Health field, those at Brecon, Brynmawr and Hay are actually whole-time officers of the Council, whereas those at Vaynor and Penderyn and at Ystradgynlais are only part-time officers.

The duties of the Mental Welfare Officers are to exercise the functions given to them by Sections 22, 135 and 140 and Parts IV and V of the Mental Health Act, 1959.

(6) Health Visitors and Home Visiting Services.

Periodic Visits are paid by the Health Visitors to all sub-normal patients in their area. Some of these patients are also visited by the Psychiatric Social Worker.

The Health Visitors also visit and submit a periodic report on patients discharged from mental hospitals, as part of a Home Visiting Service. Cases suitable for surveillance by the Health Visitors are forwarded by the Psychiatric Social Worker and the Health Visitors work under her guidance.

A large proportion of the home visiting of mentally disordered patients is still, however undertaken by the Psychiatric Social Worker working from the Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth.

(7) Training of Staff.

(a) Mental Welfare Officers.

It is proposed to send all the Mental Welfare Officers on an approved course in Mental Health.

(b) Health Visitors.

Health Visitors employed by the Local Authority attended regularly for "In-Service" training organised by the Medical Superintendent, Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth.

Miss Gwendoline Morgan, the Psychiatric Social Worker, discusses individual case histories with the Health Visitors at frequent meetings throughout the County.

An excellent liaison has thus been established between the staff of the Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth and the Health Department of the Council.

(8) Training Centre.

Without exception I must again pay tribute to the enthusiasm of all the members of the staff, who have all displayed kindness and consideration to the trainees, whether directly under their supervision or merely in contact by working on other duties at the centre.

Social education and occupation training is being provided as governed by the demands made for such services. Ancillary services such as meals, medical inspection, dental treatment and provision of transport is being provided.

One boy is resident at the Sunfield Children's Home, Clent, Wores., and another 'chair-bound' boy is at a Cheshire Home, Hawthorn Lodge, Dorchester.

(9) Residential Accommodation.

No form of residential accommodation is available at present, but this is under serious consideration and has been provided for in the 10 year plan of Health and Welfare Service.

The authority will, when necessary, and when possible arrange with voluntary bodies or other authorities providing such facilities for accommodation to be available for cases from this area, until our own hostel is erected.

(10) Home Training.

No home training is undertaken in the County.

(11) Day Centres. Social Clubs, Etc.

There are no existing arrangements of this nature.

It is the Authority's intention, with the aid of the Voluntary Agencies, to provide Social Clubs and other activities, but that at the onset a pilot scheme should operate in the County Town (Brecon) and that the service should be extended as soon as the demand warrants the establishment of Social Centres and Clubs elsewhere.

(12) Hospital Accommodation for Subnormal Patients

As at the 31st December 1969, there were 44 persons in hospital for the Subnormal. Of these 6 were accommodated in English Hospitals. Reference to table will give the names of the Hospitals involved.

Guardianship.

There were no cases under Guardianship in the County during 1969.

(13) Statistics.

Details of patients receiving home visits, attending Occupation Centres, waiting for admission to Occupation Centres. Admissions and Discharges from Hospitals, etc., are given in Table XII as an appendix to this Report.

(14) Waiting List For Hospital Admission.

Number of Patients in Local Health Authority's area on waiting list for admission to Hospital at 31/12/69.

	Psychopath.		Subnormal		Severely	
	Under	Over	Under	Over	Under	Over
	16 years.		16 years.		16 years.	
	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.
(1) In Urgent need of Hospital Care	..	— —	— —	— —	—	1 — —
(2) Not in Urgent Need of Hospital Care	...	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —

(15) Number of admissions for temporary residential care.

Two patients were admitted to temporary residential care during 1969.

Admission of Emergency Cases to Psychiatric Hospitals.

In accordance with the provisions of Sections 132 of the Mental Health Act, 1959, and of paragraph II of the Ministry of Health Memorandum on Parts I, IV-VIII and IX of the Act, the following hospitals were notified to the Local Health Authority as catering for emergency admissions from the County:—

Penyval Hospital, Abergavenny.

Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth.

*Mount Pleasant Hospital, Swansea.

*Accommodation for Psycho-Geriatric Patients.

Ambulance Services.

The ambulance service for mentally-ill patients is the same as set out in Section 27.

Mental Health Act, 1959.

Mental Health (Approval of Medical Practitioners) Regulations, 1960.

The following list comprises the names of all Medical Practitioners approved by the Breconshire County Council in accordance with the Mental Health Act, 1959, and the Mental Health (Hospital and Guardianship) Regulations, 1960 (Statutory Instrument, 1960, No 1241):—

Approval effective in all instances to 31.10.70.

Name and Address of Medical Practitioner	Telephone Number
AITKEN, C. A. M., Danybryn, Camden Road, Brecon	.. Brecon 2121
BOLADZ, W., Castle Bank, Ystradgynlais..	Glantawe 3221
CAMERON, D. F., Tyn-y-Berllan, Builth Wells	Builth Wells 2207
CHOPRA, S. N., Dunedin House, Brynmawr	Brynmawr 226
COPPOCK., R. L., Iscoed, Camden Road, Brecon	.. Brecon 2244
DAVIES, E., Haulfryn, Abercrave	.. Abercrave 225
DAVIES, V. J., Haulfryn, Abercrave	.. Abercrave 225
DIGGLE, G., Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth	Talgarth 202
DOLNY, L., Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth	.. Talgarth 202
EDWARDS, Creighton E., Glanrhyd, Beaufort	Ebbw Vale 3362
EVANS, J. I., Grosmont, Hirwaun	.. Hirwaun 221
EVANS, R. G., Health Office, Brecon	.. Brecon 2456/7 (Office) Brecon 2575 (Home)
FARRINGTON, G. W., The Hermitage, Brynmawr	.. Brynmawr 217
FARRINGTON, R. M., Clydach House, Gilwern	.. Gilwern 315
FENN, C. M., Meadow Way, Llanwrtyd Wells	.. Llanwrtyd 257
GILROY, P. J., Knockgranla, Caddicks Rd, Blaina	.. Blaina 340
HAND, B. J., Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth	Talgarth 202
HOUGHTON, H. J., Cecil Lodge, Llandrindod Wells	.. Llandrindod 2095
JONES, J. K., 5, Lon-y-Coed, Brecon	.. Brecon 2884 (Office) Brecon 2925 (Home)
LONDON, J. M., The Cottage, Talgarth	.. Talgarth 309
MELLING, N. E., Mid-Wales Hospital,	Talgarth 202
PRICE, K. J. P., Rhydywernen House, Brecon	.. Brecon 2244
PUGH, V. T., Maes-y-Coed, Builth Wells	.. Builth Wells 2207
PUGH, J. K., Maes-y-Coed, Builth Wells	.. Builth Wells 2207
UNGAR, L., 'San Remo,' The Walk, Merthyr Tydfil	.. Merthyr Tydfil 3630

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

I am indebted to the Welfare Department for supplying information of work under the National Assistance Act.

The Welfare Committee of the Council is responsible for the work under this Act.

1. Section 21 — (a) Homes for the Aged.

Ashburnham House, Talgarth	... 15 beds
Brynhyfryd, Builth Wells	... 15 beds
Cartref, Hay-on-Wye	... 28 beds
Crawshay House, Brynmawr	... 36 beds
The Grove, Ystradgynlais	... 25 beds
Llysfaen, Cefn Coed	... 15 beds
Trenewydd, Brecon	... 45 beds

Each Home can provide accommodation for both male and female residents, and if necessary, married couples. During the year 45 people have been admitted to Homes for the Aged in the county, 3 transferred from one home to another, and 48 discharges (16 to hospital for short periods, 16 for long periods and 16 have been discharged for other reasons). Eight residents have died in the Homes and 11 have died in Hospital. There are 2 Breconshire persons in a Home maintained by a Voluntary Organisation and one person in accommodation provided by another Authority. Accommodation is provided for 23 persons from another Authority. New purpose built Homes are to be erected at Builth Wells and Crickhowell, the former to replace Brynhyfryd, Builth Wells.

Section 21 — (i) (b) Provision of Temporary Accommodation.

Temporary accommodation, for persons who are in urgent need thereof, on account of circumstances which could not reasonably have been foreseen is provided at Cockerott House, Hay-on-Wye.

2. Section 29 (i) Welfare of Handicapped Persons.

(a) Physically Handicapped (General Classes)

Under this section of the Act, a scheme for handicapped persons has been adopted. There are 315 people registered under the Scheme as follows:—

CLASSIFICATIONS	Number
Amputation	... 21
Arthritis and Rheumatism	... 84
Congenital Malformations and Deformities	... 37
Diseases of Digestive and Genito-Urinary systems: of the Heart and Circulatory systems; of the Respiratory system other than Tuberculosis; and of the skin	... 23
Injuries to the head, face, neck, thorax abdomen, pelvis or trunk, injuries or diseases (other than tuberculosis) of the upper and lower limbs and of the spine.	... 29
Organic nervous diseases, Epilepsy, Disseminated Sclerosis, Poliomyelitis, Hemiplegia, Sciatica, etc.,	... 103
Neuroses, Psychoses and other nervous and mental disorders.	... 11
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	... 4
Tuberculosis (Non-respiratory)	... 3
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	Total 315
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Age Groups	Numbers
0 — 5	3
5 — 15	2
16 — 20	12
21 — 50	70
51 — 64	80
65 and over	148
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	315
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Twelve severely handicapped persons are in accomodation provided by voluntary organisations, e.g. Cheshire Homes, etc. on behalf of the County Council. Two persons are at the British Legion, Crosfield House.

The Council also assist many other registered handicapped persons with holidays, adaptations in the home, special aids, etc. Car badges are issued to disabled drivers which will assist them with parking etc.

(b) Welfare of the Blind and Partially Sighted.

The Council's scheme is very comprehensive and provides:—

1. Ophthalmic examinations (domiciliary visits where necessary),
2. registration of blind and partially-sighted persons,
3. a visiting service,
4. welfare service,
5. special equipment and appliances,
6. Wireless sets for the blind (as agents for the Wireless for the Blind Fund).
7. a teaching service for Braille, Moon and handicrafts,
8. supplies of handicraft materials at cost prices,
9. help with the obtaining of orders and marketing of goods, assistance with the arrangements for rehabilitation including, according to means, financial assistance,
10. help with the training and placement in employment, in conjunction with the Department of Employment and Productivity and Youth Employment service.
11. a holiday scheme with financial assistance according to means,
12. Social Centres, handicraft classes, parties and outings.

During the year the Ophthalmic Surgeons examined and completed B.D.8 in respect of 55 persons certifying them as follows:—

	Blind	Partially sighted	Neither	Re- Exams	Total
Mr. G. W. Hoare	12	9	3	6	30
Mr. F. G. Hibbert	4	0	5	1	10
Mr. H. F. T. MacfetrIDGE	3	1	0	0	4
Mr. S. Piller	0	1	0	0	1
Mr. G. Vine-Cole	1	2	1	3	7
Mr. Roy Thomas	1	0	0	1	2
	<hr/> 21	<hr/> 14	<hr/> 9	<hr/> 11	<hr/> 55

The 11 re-examinations resulted in the following changes in category:—

- 3 partially sighted persons became blind.
- 1 was found inconclusive.

The register of Blind and Partially sighted persons on 31st December 1969 is as follows:

AGE GROUPS

Blind

	0-15	16-20	21-48	50-59	60-69	70+	total
Males	2	1	7	7	8	35	60
Females	2	0	9	2	12	69	94
	4	1	16	9	20	104	154

Partially-sighted

	0-15	16-20	21-49	50-64	65+	total
Males	2	0	6	3	20	31
Females	1	2	3	8	74	88
	3	2	9	11	94	119

(c) Welfare of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

The Council's scheme provides the same comprehensive service for the deaf and hard of hearing as for the blind with the exception of the provision of wireless sets, ophthalmic exams, the teaching of Braille and Moon.

The Register of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing persons at 31st December, 1969 is as follows:—

	Class A (Deaf without speech)	Class B (Deaf with speech but hearing aid of no use).	Hard of Hearing	Totals
Males	9	15	89	113
Females	3	15	174	192
	12	30	263	305

(d) Social Centres.

The Social Centres for the handicapped are held regularly in Brecon, Brynmawr, Builth Wells, Crickhowell, Ystradgynlais and Cefn Coed. These Centres continue to be popular meeting places for the elderly and Handicapped and gives them an opportunity to undertake various handicrafts, such as cane work, stools, Ceramics, Knitting etc. together with other forms of occupational therapy and pastime pursuits.

(e) Sheltered Employment for the Handicapped

The Council provide help with the training and placement in sheltered employment in conjunction with the Department of Employment and Productivity. To this end the Council have entered into agreement with the British Legion Cambrian Factory, Llanwrtyd Wells and the Monmouthshire County Council Monwell Works, Tredegar. Sixteen severely handicapped persons are now in employment under sheltered conditions at the Cambrian Factory. Other arrangements are also made through the Department of Employment and Productivity for Sheltered employment such as at Remploy.

(f) Annual Holidays and Outings

Arrangements are made annually for various day outings and a fortnight's holiday for those who are able to participate.

(g) Welfare Vehicles

The Welfare Department have two vehicles to convey the elderly and handicapped to the Social Centres, one vehicle being purpose built with an hydraulic tail lift. The vehicles are also fitted for wheel chair cases

3. Section 31 — Contributions to Old People's Organisations.

The Council may make contributions to Old People's Welfare Organisations in the County upon application and during the year under review 9 grants were made. Annual grants are also made to the Committee for the Welfare of the Elderly in Wales and also the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Moral Welfare Association.

4. Section 48 — Temporary Protection of Property

The Council may, where no other suitable arrangements have been made for the temporary protection of property of persons admitted to Hospital etc., arrange for such property to be protected and take reasonable steps to prevent or mitigate the loss or damage thereof. Arrangements have been made for the property of a number of persons to be stored.

5. Section 58 of the Local Government Act, 1958

Provision of Special Housing for the Elderly

The County Council have adopted a Scheme whereby Grants are made to District Councils towards the erection of Old People's bungalows and flats. The scheme provides for Grants from £10 — £30 per dwelling per year up to a maximum period of 30 years. The amount of the Grant is determined by the Welfare facilities approved for the dwelling concerned.

6. Meals on Wheels

The County Welfare Committee in conjunction with the Vaynor and Penderyn Rural District Council provide a Meals on Wheels Service in the Vaynor and Penderyn district. The meals are supplied by an Industrial canteen, and are delivered by the Women's Voluntary Service personnel to the house-bound in the area. One meal is delivered each week to approximately 90 persons, which meal consists of a well balanced and varied diet. The recipients are charged 1s. 3d. per meal. The total cost of the scheme is shared between the County Council and the Vaynor and Penderyn Rural District Council. A number of other possible schemes in certain parts of the County are under consideration.

7. Application.

Further information concerning the above services may be obtained from County Welfare Officer, County Welfare Department, Captain's Walk, Brecon. Tel 3741/2.

Welfare Officers and Mental Welfare Officers in the County

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| 1. *Brynmawr, Llanelly Hill and Crickhowell. | Mr. T. V. Rees, Welfare Offices, Lower Bailey Street, Brynmawr. |
| 2. Vaynor and Penderyn. | Mrs. M. M. R. England, 3, Monumental Terrace, Cefn Coed. |
| 3. Ystradgynlais. | Mr. W. T. Davies, Station Road, Ystradgynlais. |
| 4. *Brecknock and Defynnog. | Mr. K. H. A. Phillips, 13, The Watton, Brecon. |
| 5. *Hay, Talgarth and Builth. | Mr. D. J. Davies, Magistrates' Court, Bell Street, Talgarth. |

* Whole-time officers.

MISCELLANEOUS—

Smallpox Hospitals.—Arrangements have been made for Smallpox Cases to be admitted to Penrhys Hospital and for Consultants to be called in to suspected cases. On diagnosing a case the Consultants will be responsible for arranging for Penrhys Hospital to be ready to receive the patients. In emergencies, where the consultants are not immediately available, a telephone call should be put through to the City Isolation Hospital, Cardiff (Telephone: Cardiff 21466), giving details to a responsible officer. The patient will be removed by the County Council under their Ambulance Scheme made under Section 27 of the N.H. Service Act. 1946.

Examinations of Staffs.—The Medical Staff of the County Health Department undertake, often at short notice, the examinations of candidates for various County and Education appointments.

A new scheme has been introduced whereby candidates for appointments are required to complete a confidential medical questionnaire. Having regard to the information a decision is reached as to the candidate's suitability for interview and appointment.

ments are made subject to satisfactory medical examinations.

Such examinations are carried out as soon as possible after appointment and frequently are made on the same day as the interview. The scheme works well and saves considerable work by the medical staff.

The cost of X-ray Examinations is borne by the Local Health Authority under Section 28 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, with the exception of any X-Rays of Training College Candidates, in which case the cost is paid by the Ministry of Education.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955, Section 31.

Biological Sampling of Milk.

During the year 151 samples of milk were taken and 2 of these proved positive for *Brucella Abortus*.

Immediately the results were known the usual line of action was put in operation, viz. information was passed to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, the District Medical Officer and the County Service.

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

Work under these Regulations is undertaken by the District Medical Officers of Health and details of this should appear in their Annual Report.

Child Guidance Clinics.

Although the Breconshire Education Committee approved the setting up of Child Guidance Clinics some years ago this has not been possible to put into operation.

Dr. G. Diggle, Consultant Psychiatrist of the Mid-Wales Hospital, Talgarth and Miss G. Morgan, Psychiatric Social Worker, had also urged to be included in the Child Guidance team when this was eventually set up.

During the year we were fortunate to engage a whole time Speech Therapist, Mrs. M. E. Rolt. Mrs. M. Morley, our part-time Speech Therapist, left but the service of yet another part-time Speech Therapist was extended. Mrs. M. Morgan works only in the Cefn Coed Clinic.

In the meantime advantage is being taken of existing Child Guidance Clinics at Merthyr Tydfil Hereford and at Morriston Hospital.

As mentioned in a previous report, when this service has been brought into operation it will cater for the School Age Child, and the Pre-School Age Child. The Child Guidance team will be in close touch with all medical and nursing staff of child welfare clinics and will be able to advise on emotional development and behaviour difficulties which they encounter in their contacts with mothers and young children.

Table 1.—Vital Statistics for Various Districts for 1969.

NAME OF DISTRICT	Population estimated to the middle of the year	Births				Nett Deaths belonging to the District.										Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live and + Still Births
		Live Births		Still Births		At all ages	Infants under 1 wk of age		Under 4 weeks of age		Under 1 year of age		Childbirth, Abortion, Pregnancy.	Rate per 1,000 Births		
		Number	Rate	Number	Rate		Number	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	Number	Rate per 1,000 Live Births						
Brecon Urban	6380	85	13.3	2	23	92	14.4	1	12	2	24	...	...	34
Brynmawr Urban	6530	80	12.3	1	12	94	14.4	2	25	2	25	...	...	37
Builth Wells Urban	1360	22	14.1	...	...	25	16.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hay Urban	1340	17	12.7	...	...	24	17.9	...	...	1	59	...	...	...
Llanwrttyd Wells Urban...	510	5	9.8	...	...	15	29.4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brecon Rural	6930	87	12.6	2	22	83	12.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Builth Rural	3030	32	10.6	...	...	29	9.6	...	...	1	31	...	...	...
Crickhowell Rural	8290	108	13.0	3	27	98	11.8	2	19	4	37	...	...	45
Hay Rural	3460	49	14.2	...	...	73	21.1	...	...	1	20	...	...	...
Vaynor & Pend'yn Rural	6550	101	15.4	2	19	80	12.2	1	10	2	20	...	...	29
Ystradgynlais Rural ...	10360	129	12.5	...	...	151	14.6	2	16	3	23	...	...	16
Brecon County	54940	715	13.0	10	14	764	13.9	8	11	9	13	16	22	...	25	
England and Wales	16.3	...	13	...	11.9	...	10.0	...	12.0	...	18	...	12.0	
Brecon County, 1968	...	776	14.1	13	16.5	757	13.7	6	77	8	10.3	10	12.9	...	24.1	

*The rate for Still Births is the rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births.

† The rate for Still Births and Deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total Live and Still Births

Table II.—Vital Statistics.
Causes and Ages at Death during year 1969.
WHOLE COUNTY.

CAUSES OF DEATH		All Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 1 year	1 to 4 years	5 to 14 years	15 to 24 years	25 to 34 years	35 to 44 years	45 to 54 years	55 to 64 years	65 to 74 years
ALL CAUSES—Male	...	414	5	1	1	2	1	9	9	29	70	144
Female	...	350	4	6	—	—	2	3	5	10	51	81
Totals	...	764	9	7	1	2	3	12	14	39	121	225
1. Cholera	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. Typhoid fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3. Bacillary dysentery and amoebiasis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4. Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5. Tuberculosis of respiratory system	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
6. Other tuberculosis, incl. late effects	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7. Plague	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8. Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9. Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10. Streptococcal sore throat and scarlet fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11. Meningococcal infection	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12. Acute poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14. Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15. Typhus and other rickettsioses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16. Malaria	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
17. Syphilis and its sequelae	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
18. All other infective and parasitic diseases	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
19. (1) Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity and pharynx...	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
(2) Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3
(3) Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	3
(4) Malignant neoplasm, intestine	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	5
(5) Malignant neoplasm, larynx	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
(6) Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	29	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	7	12	...
(7) Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	5	2	...
(8) Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...
(9) Malignant neoplasm, prostate	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
(10) Leukaemia	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...
(11) Other malignant neoplasms including neoplasms of lymphatic and haemopoietic tissue	...	27	...	...	...	...	2	1	3	9	5	...

Table II.—Vital Statistics.—Cont.

CAUSES OF DEATH	All Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 1 year	1 to 4 years	5-14 years	15 to 24 years	25-34 years	35-44 years	45-54 years	55-64 years	65-74 years	75 and over
Benign neoplasms and neoplasms of unspecified nature...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diabetes mellitus	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	4	2	1
Avitaminoses and other nutritional deficiency	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
(1) Other endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	1
Anaemias	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4
(2) Other diseases of blood and blood-forming organs	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
(4) Other diseases of the nervous system and sense organ	8	...	...	1	...	...	1	2	...	1	2	1
(3) Mental disorders	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Meningitis	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Active rheumatic fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	12	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	6	...	4
Hypertensive disease	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	6	10
Ischaemic heart disease	232	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	11	40	67	111
Other forms of heart disease	53	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	11	38
Cerebrovascular disease	103	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	32	64
(5) Other diseases of the circulatory system	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	12	14
Influenza	6	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	...
Pneumonia	30	1	1	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	8	17
(1) Bronchitis, emphysema	38	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	5	14	15
(2) Asthma	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
(6) Other diseases of the respiratory system	17	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	11	2
Peptic ulcer	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
Appendicitis	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...
Intestinal obstruction and hernia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cirrhosis of Liver	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...
(7) Other diseases of the digestive system	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	2	4
Nephritis and nephrosis	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
(8) Other diseases of the genito-urinary system	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	2
Abortion	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other complications of pregnancy, childbirth and puerperium	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
(9) Diseases of skin and subcutaneous tissue	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
(10) Diseases of the musculo-skeletal system and connective tissue	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2

Table II.—Vital Statistics.—Cont.

CAUSES OF DEATH		All Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 1 year	1 to 4 years	5-14 years	15-24 years	25-34 years	35-44 years	45-54 years	55-64 years	65-74 years	75 and over
42. Congenital anomalies	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
43. Birth injury, difficult labour, and other anoxic and hypoxic conditions	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
44. Other causes of perinatal mortality	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
45. Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
47. Motor vehicle accidents	...	10	...	...	...	...	1	3	1	2	3	...	...
48. All other accidents	...	15	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	1	2	5	4
49. Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	3	2
50. All other external causes	...	4	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...

Table III.—Vital Statistics.

Causes of Deaths in the Separate Districts of the County
during the year 1969.

CAUSES OF DEATH	URBAN					RURAL					TOTAL	
	Brecon	Brynmawr	Builth Wells	Hay	Llanwrtyd Wells	Brecon	Builth	Crickhowell	Hay	Vaynor and Penderyn		Ystradgynlais
1. Cholera	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. Typhoid fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3. Bacillary dysentery and amoebiasis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4. Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5. Tuberculosis of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6. Other tuberculosis, incl. late effects	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	3
7. Plague	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8. Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9. Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10. Streptococcol sore throat and scarlet fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1. Meningococcal infection	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. Acute poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3. Smallpox	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4. Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5. Typhus and other rickettsioses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5. Malaria	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7. Syphilis and its sequelae	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3. All other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9. (1) Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity and pharynx...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	2
(2) Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	3
(3) Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	1	1	6
(4) Malignant neoplasm, intestine	1	2	...	...	...	2	...	2	2	2	1	12
(5) Malignant neoplasm, larynx	2	...	1	1	...	1	1	1	...	1	2	10
(6) Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
(7) Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	5	5	4	...	6	...	5	...	2	2	29
(8) Malignant neoplasm, uterus	2	2	...	1	...	1	...	2	1	...	1	10
(9) Malignant neoplasm, prostate	1	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	6
(10) Leukaemia	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	5
(11) Other malignant neoplasms including neoplasms of lymphatic and haemalopoietic tissue	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
	2	4	...	...	1	3	2	3	4	3	5	27

Table III.—Vital Statistics.—Cont.

CAUSES OF DEATH	Urban					Rural					
	Brecon	Brynmawr	Builth Wells	Hay	Llanwrtyd Well	Brecon	Builth	Crickhowell	Hay	Vaynor and Penderyn	Ystradgynlais
20. Benign neoplasms and neoplasms of unspecified nature ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
21. Diabetes mellitus ...	1	1	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	1	2
22. Avitaminoses and other nutritional deficiency ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
46. (1) Other endocrine, nutritional —and metabolic diseases ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2
23. Anaemias ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	3
46. (2) Other diseases of blood and blood-forming organs ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
46. (3) Mental disorders ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
24. Meningitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
46. (4) Other diseases of the nervous system and sense organs ...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	3
25. Active rheumatic fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
26. Chronic rheumatic heart disease ...	1	2	...	...	1	2	...	1	...	2	3
27. Hypertensive disease ...	1	1	...	1	...	3	...	...	4	2	6
28. Ischaemic heart disease ...	27	30	11	6	9	26	11	24	28	20	40
29. Other forms of heart disease ...	16	7	1	4	...	5	1	4	3	6	6
30. Cerebrovascular disease ...	9	16	3	1	3	10	2	17	7	12	23
46. (5) Other diseases of the circulatory system ...	2	2	...	...	...	4	...	5	4	2	9
31. Influenza ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	3
32. Pneumonia ...	1	2	...	1	...	4	2	4	7	4	5
33. (1) Bronchitis, emphysema ...	3	4	2	2	...	6	2	8	1	3	7
(2) Asthma ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
46. (6) Other diseases of the respiratory system ...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	2	1	2	9
34. Peptic ulcer ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
35. Appendicitis ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
36. Intestinal obstruction and hernia ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
37. Cirrhosis of Liver ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...
46. (7) Other diseases of the digestive system ...	1	...	1	2	...	2	...	1	1	1	...
38. Nephritis and nephrosis ...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1
39. Hyperplasia of prostate ...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
46. (8) Other diseases of the genito-urinary system ...	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	...
40. Abortion ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
41. Other complications of pregnancy, childbirth and puerperium ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
46. (9) Diseases of skin and subcutaneous tissue ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
46. (10) Diseases of the musculo-skeletal system and connective tissue ...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
42. Congenital anomalies ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1

Table III—Vital Statistics—Cont.

CAUSES OF DEATH	Urban					Rural						TOTAL
	Brecon	Brynmawr	Builth Wells	Hay	Llanwrtyd Wells	Brecon	Builth	Crickhowell	Hay	Vaynor and Penderyn	Ystradgynlais	
Birth injury, difficult labour, and other anoxic and hypoxic conditions	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3
Other causes of perinatal mortality	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	3
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3
Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	3	1	3	10
All other accidents	1	3	1	1	...	1	2	2	...	2	2	15
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	3	...	7
All other external causes	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	4
Totals	92	94	25	24	15	83	29	98	73	80	151	764
Totals, 1968	85	75	38	20	8	81	32	113	83	76	146	757

Table IV. Notifiable Diseases, 1969.

DISTRICT	Small Pox	Scarlet Fever	Infective Jaundice	Food Poisoning	Acute Pneumonia	Acute Poliomyelitis		Typhoid Fever	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Puerperal Pyrexia	Measles	Infective Encephalitis	Whooping Cough	Tuberculosis		Dysentery	Meningococcal Infection	Para Typhoid	TOTALS
						Paralytic	Non-Paralytic							Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary				
Brecon Urban	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	85	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	94
Brynmawr Urban	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Builth Wells Urban	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Hay Urban	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	...	...	10
Llanwrtyd Wells Urban	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	4
Brecon Rural	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	37
Builth Rural	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2
Hay Rural	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Crickhowell Rural	...	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	13
Waynor & Penderyn Rural	...	1	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	10
Ystradgynlais Rural	...	1	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	3	...	...	...	16
Totals	...	11	16	12	...	...	...	1	...	...	127	...	3	4	9	12	1	1	197
Totals, 1968	...	3	10	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	193	...	8	1	11	2	1	2	234

Table V.—Tuberculosis.

Summary of Notifications during the period from 1st January 1969 to 31st, December, 1969.

		Notification on Form A.													
		Number of Primary Notifications.													
Age Periods	..	0	1	2	5	10	15	20	25	35	45	55	65	75 and upwards	Totals— (All Ages)
		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
		1	2	5	10	15	20	25	35	45	55	65	75		
Respiratory—Males	1	...	...	...	1	...	2	2	...	6
" Females	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2
Non-Respiratory—Males	1	...	...	...	1	...	2
" Females	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Totals	1	2	...	1	2	...	2	3	...	11

Table VI.—Showing the work of the Health Visitors during the year 1969.

DISTRICT	NUMBER OF VISITS PAID											
	Pre Natal Visits		Visits to Children under 1		Visits to Children 1-2		Visits to Children 2-5		T.B. Households	Others	First Visits Paid to Households during the Year	Total Visits paid
	First Visits	Total Visits	First	Total	First	Total	First	Total				
Brynmawr Urban and Darenfelen	5	7	89	291	97	199	73	124	62	285	160	968
Builth Urban and Rural	12	12	38	296	74	304	94	418	10	87	185	1127
Hay Urban and Rural	...	...	87	342	93	507	107	647	26	42	309	1564
Llanwrtyd Urban and Builth Rural (Part)	...	...	20	110	20	130	35	202	77	146	101	665
Brecon Urban and Brecon Rural (Part)	1	7	99	831	95	529	153	628	16	443	287	2454
Brecon Urban, Brecon Rural (Defynnog, etc.)	1	4	82	555	103	454	216	461	13	274	312	1761
Builth Rural (Llanwrthwl, Llysdnam, etc.)	...	...	8	24	12	24	7	25	3	68	42	144
Waynor & Penderyn Rural, excluding Cefn Coed	13	19	48	240	73	247	231	624	54	665	483	1849
Crickhowell Rural (Clydach and Gllwern)	...	...	61	406	158	452	98	281	63	146	331	1348
Cefn Coed	...	...	47	262	11	247	101	443	17	182	67	1151
Ystradgynlais Rural (Part)	...	...	51	179	23	150	28	158	46	279	205	812
Ystradgynlais Rural (Abercrave) and Ystradgynlais Rural (Colbren)	13	14	63	295	57	267	83	475	66	150	246	1267
TOTALS	45	63	693	3831	816	3510	1226	4486	453	2767	2728	15110

N.B. The figures under "First Visits" are repeated in "Total Visits".

Table VII.—Dental Care of Mothers and Young Children, under Section 22. of the National Health Service Act, 1946.

Part A. Attendances and Treatment—

Number of Visits for Treatment during year.		Children	Expectant and	
		0-4 (incl.).	Nursing Mothers	
First Visit	...	1. 41	13.	15
Subsequent Visits	...	2. 37	14.	35
Total Visits	...	78		50
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Number of Additional Courses of Treatment other than the First Course commenced during year	...	3. —	15.	—
Treatment provided during the year	...			
Number of Fillings	...	4. 61	16.	20
Teeth Filled	...	5. 54	17.	15
Teeth Extracted	...	6. 45	18.	42
General Anaesthetics given	...	7. 2	19.	—
Emergency Visits by Patients	...	8. 12	20.	1
Patients X-Rayed	...	9. —	21.	1
Patients Treated by Scaling and or Removal of Stains from the teeth (Prophylaxis)	...	10. 4	22.	5
Teeth Otherwise Conserved	...		23.	—
Teeth Root Filled	...		24.	—
Inlays	...		25.	—
Crowns	...			
Number of Courses of Treatment completed during the year	...	12. 18	26.	3

Part B. Prosthetics—

Patients Supplied with F.U. or F.L. (First Time)	...	27.	2
Patients Supplied with Other Dentures	...	28.	—
Number of Dentures Supplied	...	29.	2
Part C. Anaesthetics—			
General Anaesthetics Administered by Dental Officers	...	30.	2

Part D. Inspections

	Children	Expectant and	
	0-4 (incl.).	Nursing Mothers	
Number of Patients given First Inspections during year	...	D.	15
Number of Patients in A and B above who required Treatment	...	E.	15
Number of Patients in C and D above who were offered Treatment	...	F.	15

Part E. Sessions—

Number of Dental Officer Sessions (i.e. Equivalent Complete Half Days) devoted to Maternity and Child Welfare Patients:			
For Treatment	...	G.	20
For Health Education	...	H.	Nil

Table VIII.—Analysis of Premature Births (Live and Still) belonging to the County, 1969.

Premature babies born during the year (whose mothers normally reside in the area) including babies born in maternity homes and hospitals in or outside the County.

WEIGHT AT BIRTH	PREMATURE LIVE BIRTHS												Premature Still Births	
	Born in Hospital				Born at Home or in a Nursing Home				Transferred to hospital on or before 28th day					
	Died				Died				Died					
	Total Births				Total Births				Total Births					
	Within 24 hours of birth	In 1 and under 7 days	In 7 and under 28 days		Within 24 hours of birth	In 1 and under 7 days	In 7 and under 28 days		Within 24 hours of birth	In 1 and under 7 days	In 7 and under 28 days			
2lb. 3oz. or less	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	At home or in a Nursing Home
Over 2lb. 3oz. up to and including 3lb. 4oz.	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	In hospital
Over 3lb. 4oz. up to and including 4lb. 6oz.	9	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	—	
Over 4lb. 6oz. up to and including 4lb. 15oz.	12	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	
Over 4lb. 15oz. up to and including 5lb. 8oz.	21	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	
TOTAL	46	3	2	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	7	—	

Table IX.—Telephone Numbers of Ambulance Stations serving the County.

AMBULANCE AREAS.

	1st Call (a)	Alternative Calls	
		(b)	(c)
(a) Brecon and District.—Including Sennybridge, Cray, Trallong, Llanfhangel Nantbran, Defynock, Llan-spyddid, Talybont, Llanfrynach, Llechfaen, Llan-hamlach, Merthyr Cynog, Llandefaelog, Llanddew, Battle, Aberyscir, Talyllyn, Llangorse, Llanfillo, etc.	Brecon 2610	Bwlch 289	Llyswn 286
(b) Builth and District.—Including, Llanwrtyd, Llandulas, Llanafan, Garth, Abergwessin, Llanganten, Llan-ynis, Maesmynis, Llanwrthwl, Llysdinam, Llan-dewi'r Cwm, Llangammarch Wells, etc.	Builth 3647	Llandrindod 2232	Llyswn 286
(c) Crickhowell and District.—Including, Bwlch, Llan-gynidr, Cwmdu, Gilwern, Llanbedr, Llangenny, Llangattock, etc.	Bwlch 289	Brecon 2610	Brynawr 238
(d) Hay and Talgarth.—Including, Llanigon, Velindre, Tregoyd, Llandefalle, Bronllys, Pipton, etc.	Llyswn 286	Brecon 2610	Hereford 4451 or Bwlch 289
(e) Ystradgynlais, Abercrave, Penrhos, Cwmtwrch, etc.	Giantawe 2113	Neath 3641	Brecon 2610
(f) Brynmawr, Clydach, Darenfelen, and Llanelly Hill, etc.	Brynawr 238	Bwlch 289	Caerleon 283
(g) Cefn Coed, Vaynor and Pontsticill	Merthyr 3715 or 2855		
(h) Hirwaun, Penderyn and Ystradfellte	Pontypridd 3973		
(i) Pontneathvaughan	Neath 3641		
(j) Carmarthen	Carmarthen 6666		
(k) Llandrindod	Llandrindod 2232		

N.B.—These telephone numbers are not necessarily those exhibited in Post Office Telephone Exchanges for Emergency Calls, and all persons making emergency calls are advised to carry out the instructions in Kiosks and Telephone Directories

Table X.—Chiropody Service.

A. Details of Patients treated and number of attendances made at the individual Clinics between 1st January, 1969 and the 31st December 1969.

CLINICS	Half-day Sessions	Patients				Attendances			
		Elderly	Physically Handicapped	Expectant Mothers	Others	Elderly	Physically Handicapped	Expectant Mothers	Others
Brecon ...	112	105	3	—	4	814	5	—	10
Brynmawr ...	38	91	—	—	6	282	2	—	23
Ystradgynlais ...	54	117	6	—	1	518	9	—	1
Abercrave ...	26	55	2	—	—	246	5	—	—
Hay ...	53	98	—	—	—	403	—	—	—
Crickhowell ...	59	112	2	—	1	414	3	—	2
Cefn Coed ...	68	95	—	—	—	465	5	—	—
Builth Wells ...	63	110	7	—	—	414	22	—	—
Gilwern ...	24	53	1	—	—	170	1	—	—
Colbren ...	20	34	—	—	2	148	—	—	4
Cwmtwrch ...	36	104	3	—	—	376	8	—	—
Llanelly Hill ...	19	33	—	—	—	141	—	—	—
Talgarth ...	18	43	—	—	—	128	—	—	—
Pontneathvaughan ...	11	25	1	—	—	84	4	—	—
Cresfield House ...	12	27	—	—	—	133	—	—	—
Clydach ...	18	17	—	—	1	121	—	—	2
Totals ...	631	1119	25	—	15	4857	64	—	42

B. Details of Domiciliary Visits:—

District	Number of Patients	Number of Visits
URBAN		
Brecon	24	104
Brynmawr	8	28
Builth Wells	2	6
Hay-on-Wye	7	33
Llanwrtyd Wells	—	—
RURAL		
Brecon	22	97
Builth	1	3
Crickhowell	16	95
Hay	16	48
Vaynor and Penderyn	67	265
Ystradgynlais	82	440
Totals	245	1119

C. Average number of domiciliary visits made to a case ... 4.567

Table XI—

BRECONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
Mental Welfare Officers

List of Mental Welfare Officers set out in districts showing the first officer to be contacted when required in that district. If unsuccessful in contacting the first officer, calls can then be made upon the second named officer, or the Public Health Department, at Brecon 2456/7.

District.

Brecon and Senny-
bridge Areas

Hav, Talgarth and
Builth Areas

Cefn Coed, Hirwaun, and
Penderyn Areas

Pontneathvaughan

Brynmawr and Darenfelen

Gilwern, Clydach, and
Crickhowell

Ystradgynlais

Officers responsible for Area.

Mr. K. H. A. Phillips,
13, Watton, Brecon.
Tel.: Brecon 2040 (Home).

Mr. D. J. Davies,
Old Police Station, Talgarth.
Tel.: Talgarth 442.
(Home 452).

Mrs. M. M. R. England,
3, Monumental Terrace,
Cefn Coed.
Tel.: Merthyr 3886 (Home).

Mrs. M. M. R. England,
3, Monumental Terrace,
Cefn Coed.
Tel.: Merthyr 3886 (Home).

Mr. T. V. Rees,
Welfare Office, Lower
Bailey Street, Brynmawr.
Tel.: Brynmawr 254
(Home, Gilwern 450).

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Welfare Office, Lower
Bailey Street, Brynmawr,
Tel.: Brynmawr 254
(Home, Gilwern 450).

Mr. W. T. Davies,
c/o Peglers Buildings,
Station Road, Ystradgynlais,
Tel.: Glantawe 3104.

Mr. D. J. Davies,
Old Police Station,
Talgarth.
Tel.: Talgarth 442.

Mr. K. H. A. Phillips,
13, Watton, Brecon.
Tel.: Brecon 2040 (Home).

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(Home, Gilwern 450).

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Station Road, Ystradgynlais.
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Cefn Coed.
Tel.: Merthyr 3886 (Home).

Mr. K. H. A. Phillips,
13, Watton, Brecon.
Tel.: Brecon 2040 (Home).

Mr. K. H. A. Phillips,
13, Watton, Brecon.
Tel.: Brecon 2040 (Home).

Mr. R. I. Jones,
c/o Public Health Department,
Watton Offices, Brecon.
Tel.: Brecon 2456/7 during
Office hours, or at other
times Llangorse 287 (Home).

N.B.—In addition to the above arrangements General Medical Practitioners receive half yearly a rota list of official stand-by duties carried out by these officers for night time and at week ends.

TABLE XII.

Number of Persons under Local Authority care at 31st December, 1969.

	Mentally Ill			Elderly Men- tally Infirm			Psychopathic			Subnormal			Severely Subnormal			Totals
	Under 16 years			Over 16 years			Under 16 years			Under 16 years			Under 16 years			
	M	F	(1)	M	F	(2)	M	F	(3)	M	F	(4)	M	F	(5)	(19)
Total number	132	170	8	21			6	1	25	16	5	10	18	21		433
Attending training centre							4	1	6	4	2	9	6	7		39
Awaiting entry to training centre							1		1							2
Resident in L.A. Home/Hostel									2	1						3
Resident at L.A. expense in other homes/hostel ...											2		1			3
Resident at L.A. expense by boarding out in private household ...												1				1
Attending Day Hospitals...						2										2
Receiving home visits and not included in lines 2-10																
(a) Suitable to attend a training centre ...							2		2	6			6	4		20
(b) Others	130	170	8						17	6	1	1	6	11		371

TABLE XIII

**SUMMARY OF HOSPITALS ACCOMMODATING BRECONSHIRE
SUBNORMAL AND SEVERELY SUBNORMAL PATIENTS AS
AT 31st DECEMBER, 1969**

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Brynhyfryd Hospital, Fferden	4	—	4
Panteg, Griffithstown, Mon.	—	1	1
Ely Hospital, Cardiff	1	1	2
Hensol Castle, Pontyclun,, Glam.	2	2	4
Oakwood Park, Conway	1	—	1
Garth Angharad Hospital, Dolgellau	1	—	1
Llanfrechfa Grange Hospital, Cwmbran, Mon.	6	6	12
Llys Maldwyn Hospital, Caersws	6	1	7
Royal Western Counties, Starcross, Devon	—	1	1
Stoke Park Colony, Bristol	1	—	1
*Risbridge House, Suffolk H.M.C., Kedington, Suffolk	1	—	1
*Royal Earlswood Hospital, Redhill, Surrey	1	—	1
*Hortham Hospital, Almondsbury, Bristol	1	—	1
Rampton Hospital, Retford, Notts.	1	—	1
South Wales Sanatorium, Talgarth	—	4	4
Alt-y-Mynydd Hospital, Llanybyther	—	2	2
Totals	26	18	44

* Placement in English Hospitals to be near next of kin.

